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LONDONERS MARCH ON GERMAN EMBASSY

POLICE HALT ANGRY CROWD IN WEST END

Britain Urged to End All Negotiations With Germans, Italians

CABINET WILL CONSIDER AUSTRIAN EVENTS TO-DAY

London, Mar. 13.

Amazing scenes were witnessed at Trafalgar Square when 20,000 demonstrated against Herr Hitler's invasion of Austria. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution urging the British Government to refuse to continue negotiations with Germany and Italy until German troops had been withdrawn from Austria, and Austrian independence restored.

The resolution also asked for the dispute to be transferred to the League of Nations.

After the meeting the crowd formed into a procession and moved off toward the German Legation, but strong detachments of police stopped it at the foot of Regent Street. Traffic was disorganised over a large part of the West End.—*Reuter.*

British Cabinet Meeting To-day

London, March 13.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary, devoted themselves chiefly to-day to drafting the statement which they are submitting to a meeting of the Cabinet called for to-morrow morning to consider the Austrian situations.

The French Ambassador and the Czecho-Slovakian Minister called at the Foreign Office and were received by a high permanent official.

It was stated at the Czecho-Slovak Legation that rumours that Czecho-Slovakia was making a political *demarche* asking Britain for assurances with regard to her security should be treated with great reserve, as the Legation was unaware of such steps.

The British Minister in Vienna has been instructed to return to London to report on the situation. He is leaving on Monday.—*Reuter.*

Austrian Army To Swear Fealty

Munich, Mar. 13.

Detachments of Austrian soldiers are moving into Germany, and the first troops are en route to Munich where they will be received by notable personalities.

A Berlin message says that a proclamation by Herr Hitler from Linz states that "All members hitherto of the Austrian federal army shall immediately be sworn in to me as their supreme commander."

The Austrian army numbers about 37,000.

Herr Hitler has commissioned Regional Governor Buerkel of the Saar district to undertake the reorganisation of the National-Socialist Workmen's Party in Austria, and, as acting head of the Nazi Party, to make preparations for a plebiscite. —*Reuter.*

Hungary Wants To Keep Independence

Budapest, Mar. 13.

The influence of the events in Austria was shown at a meeting here of 5,000 Hungarian Nazis at which there was a liberal display of Swastikas. A speaker said that Germany, as proof of good faith, ought to return to Hungary the Austrian province of Burgenland, part of which went to Austria as a result of the post-war [illegible]

FRENCH CABINET CHOSEN

Socialists And Radicals Hold Most Offices

Paris, Mar. 13.

The new French Government comprises the following Ministers:

M. Leon Blum, Premier and Minister of Finance;

M. Edouard Daladier, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence;

M. Paul Boncour, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

M. Cesar Campinchi, Minister for the Navy;

M. Guy La Chambre, Minister for Air;

M. Max Dormoy, Minister of the Interior;

M. Marius Moutet, Minister for the Colonies;

M. Frossard, Minister for Propaganda.

Ministers of State include M. Albert Sarraut and M. Vincent Auriol, and the political composition of the Ministers is: twelve Socialists, seven Radicals, three Democratic Leftists, and one Independent.

Under-Secretaries include four Socialists, and six Radicals. The Premier is the Socialist leader and the Vice-Premier the Radical leader.

The creation of a Ministry for Propaganda is an interesting innovation.—*Reuter.*

WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

The World-Bridge Olympic will be held on April 20. It is anticipated that arrangements will be made in Hongkong to enable those interested to compete.

but he attacked the Hungarian Government for "putting the brakes on" instead of acting like Germany and Italy [illegible] the western

Excitement Wanes As Miklas Quits Post

POLICY OF ISOLATION WINS MORE ADHERENTS

World Events Shape Opinion In U.S.

Pin Faith To Mighty Navy

Washington, Mar. 13.

Adolf Hitler's lightning thrust in Austria detonated a bombshell under the Roosevelt foreign policy as legislative leaders of all groups, isolationist or otherwise, united to warn against any "marriage of any sort" involving the United States deeper in international affairs.

Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California, veteran of the bitter League of Nations fight in the Senate after the Versailles Treaty, announced he would support the President's $1,000,000,000 naval expansion programme in order to assure that the United States "be kept American for Americans."

At the same time, however, Senator Johnson vigorously attacked the Administration's foreign policy, which he said had become more and more confused in the past year as new crises developed throughout the world.

The veteran orator said he heard that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, had intended to steer a course parallel with that of other Democracies until the recent cabinet crisis in England.

CHAMBERLAIN CRITICISED

"Then," he added, "Mr. Chamberlain went off on a tangent to deal with dictators. . . . Idealism and the good neighbour policy went out the window in Britain, when it came to the test."

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat of Illinois and an authority on foreign affairs, predicted that the European conflict eventually would unite Italy, Germany and Japan behind Japanese dominance in the Orient.

He charged that the British attitude in the Anglo-American dispute over Canton and Enderbury Islands indicated that Britain had joined the movement for Japanese supremacy in the Far East. He denounced the reported move to settle the dispute by providing for joint control of the islands.

Representative Taylor, Democrat of Tennessee, said that the only nation the United States might conceivably fight was Japan, and believed that relation between the two countries already were on the mend. As evidence he cited the assurances that Japan had no designs on American islands in the Pacific, and

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Chinese Move To Protect Exchange Fund

Hankow, Mar. 13.

The Ministry of Finance has announced that the Japanese militarists' organisation of the so-called Federated Reserve Bank in Peiping is a nefarious attempt to undermine Chinese national currency and obtain control of the foreign exchange funds of the country.

The Chinese Government has decided on the following revised procedure:—

(1) Commencing on March 14, sales of foreign exchange will be centralised at the Central Bank of China at the seat of the Government. For convenience the Central Bank may establish a forwarding office in Hongkong.

(2) Banks desiring to purchase foreign exchange for legitimate purposes must apply at the Central Bank or through the forwarding office.

(3) The Central Bank will furnish foreign exchange at existing rate levels after consideration of the applications.—*United Press.*

HE CALLS IT "PASSO ROMANO"—So impressed was Premier Mussolini by the army goosestep, when he visited Germany recently, that he had it adopted in moderation by the Italian Black Shirts. During a recent review in Rome, he leaped from his horse and himself goosestepped at the head of the column, as shown. He calls it the "passo Romano," or Roman step.

LIVELY FIGHTING ON LUNGHAI FRONT

Hankow, Mar. 14.

Trains on the Lunghai railway are still running in spite of the continued shelling of Chinese positions at Tungkwan and Shenhsien by the Japanese forces. Since the Lunghai railway runs close to the bank of the Yellow River, the Shenhsien and Tungkwan trains usually make the trip at night, headed by armoured trains which have been replying to the Japanese gunfire.

The situation in the vicinity of Hanchen on the south bank of the Fen River is reported to be tense, due to repeated Japanese attempts to cross the Yellow River at that point, into Shensi.

Heavy Chinese reinforcements are due to arrive on the west bank of the great waterway to strengthen the Chinese defence there.

300,0000 VILLAGERS MOBILISED

In the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, the Japanese forces appear to be making preparations to clear up the Chinese mobile columns which are operating at Taishen, China's sacred mountain, east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Following the evacuation of Tsinan, capital of the Shantung province, and of Tsingtao, Admiral Shen Hung-lie, former Mayor of Tsingtao, and newly-appointed Governor of Shantung, has organised 300,000 villagers in East Shantung into mobile columns. These columns have been operating in the hills east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway and along the Kiatsi railway. Their object has been to harass railway communications.

On the other hand, the Japanese forces appear to be determined to clear the railway zone of Chinese forces before launching a drive south along the Tientsin-Pukow railway towards Hsuchow.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE SUFFER SERIOUS REVERSE

Hsuchow, Mar. 14.

Completely outmanoeuvering the Japanese forces, Chinese defenders of Lini in eastern Shantung on the right wing of the north Tientsin-Pukow line routed a strong force of 13,000 Japanese troops in a sanguinary battle last week and are now marching towards Hochiachuang in pursuit.

During the [illegible] which

JAPANESE INVADERS NEAR SIAN

League's Medical Mission Prepares For Evacuation

Szechuan Men To March

Hankow, Mar. 14.

It is reported that the League of Nations medical experts, sent to China to assist in crushing epidemics, are prepared to evacuate Sian. Railway authorities said that Japanese artillery had been placed on the 300 feet Loess Heights at Fenglingtu, had fired over the Yellow River and demolished the station and railway sheds.

Traffic on the line had been previously suspended, and passengers alighted a mile east of Tungkwan, boarded trucks and entrained for west-Tungkwan, which, the authorities state, is at present open to Sian. Engineers, who received $30 for each trip, ran the gauntlet of Japanese fire. All lights were extinguished [illegible]

HITLER GRATEFUL TO MUSSOLINI FOR NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY

"I Shall Never Forget This" Fuehrer Writes to Ally

Vienna, Mar. 13.

An official announcement of the Austrian President's resignation has been made. Dr. Wilhelm Miklas has surrendered his functions at the request of Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, after which the presidential duties devolved on Dr. Seyss-Inquart in accordance with the Austrian Constitution of 1934.

Later came the announcement that Dr. Miklas had resigned the presidency and Dr. Seyss-Inquart had assumed those duties.

It is stated that the German army in Austria is now approximately 6,000 strong.

There was less excitement in Vienna to-day, although there were numerous processions of Hitler Youth. The Austrian Government will now have to make a formal declaration to the League of Nations, and it will not be surprising if it announces the country's withdrawal from the League.

The law enacted for bringing into effect the "anschluss" between Austria and Germany is called the Federal and Constitutional Law regarding the Re-Union of Austria with the German Reich.

Plebiscite On April 10

It is announced that the Federal Government has resolved firstly, that Austria is a State of the German Reich, and secondly, that on April 10, 1938, a free and secret plebiscite of German men and women of Austria, over 20 years of age, will be held regarding the reunion with the German Reich.

It was stated to-day that the Austrian Ministers in London, Paris and Prague had been recalled.

It was officially stated to-night that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, is confined to his private apartments at Belvedere Castle, Vienna.

A Berlin message says that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, who visited London last week for conferences with Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, arrived in Berlin by air from Croydon this evening.

"I Shall Never Forget This"

A further message states that Herr Adolf Hitler telegraphed Signor Benito Mussolini from Linz thanking Il Duce for his attitude with regard to Austria. The message stated: "I shall never forget this."

Another Berlin message says that Herr Hitler has incorporated the Austrian army into the German army, and placed it under the command of General von Boeck.—*Reuter.*

18 TO DIE BRANDED TRAITORS

Moscow Treason Trial Ended

Moscow, Mar. 13.

During the final scenes of the treason trial in which 18 of the accused were given the death sentence and three others long terms of imprisonment, M. Bukharin, former editor of *Izvestia*, the official organ of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R., and the all-Russian Executive Committee, delivered a 90 minutes speech which was one of the most brilliant self-defences in the trials.

M. Bukharin, although he admitted full responsibility for crimes, for which "I deserve shooting ten times," was the only one of the defendants to protest against the trial procedure. M. Bukharin accused M. Vishinsky, the Public Prosecutor, of introducing allegations not mentioned in the preliminary investigations.

He then delivered a stirring appeal to the western intellectuals not to

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STOP PRESS

JAPANESE SUFFER REVERSE

Sian, March 14.

In a series of guerilla encounters with the Japanese forces in Shansi, Chinese troops fighting in the vicinity of Kiaocheng and Wenshui southwest of Taiyuan, have killed more than 1,000 Japanese during the past two weeks.

Instructed by the high command to harass the Japanese southward advance along the Fen River, the Chinese forces have cut the communication line between Kiaocheng and points south. Five thousand Japanese, it is stated, have been detained in Wenshui because of the interruption.

Actively employing guerilla tactics, the hard-hitting and quick-moving Chinese forces in several encounters with the Japanese have damaged more than 100 of their motor trucks and seized large quantities of arms and ammunition, aside from inflicting heavy casualties.

First ordered to destroy the highway communication south of Taiyuan, they actually reached the outskirts of Taiyuan in the middle of last month when they were again in[illegible]

INSURGENT ADVANCE NOW SWIFT

Many Prisoners And Guns Captured

Saragossa, Mar. 13.

The Nationalist advance on the Aragon front is described here as apparently becoming a walk-over.

An area of 1,075 miles was captured in four days and the Nationalist vanguard is now only 60 miles from the Catalan coast.

Villages are being captured which were never in the fighting zone before, and many prisoners and much material, including two complete batteries, are said to have been taken.

General [illegible]

ITALIANS REFUSE TO ACT

Hitler Justifies Invasion In Letter To Rome

Rome, Mar. 12.

The Fascist Grand Council to-day approved the rejection of the French request for concerted action to prevent German penetration into Austria. The decision is regarded as an indication that Italy will preserve an attitude of strict neutrality in the Austrian crisis.

It is reported that the French note was delivered yesterday.

Some Italian circles have viewed with increasing interest the arrival of German troops on the Austro-Italian border. Most of the German frontier guards have been withdrawn from Innsbruck.

It is stated that the withdrawal is an indication that Hitler wished to relieve tension which might have been aroused by penetration across the adjacent borders.—*United Press.*

ITALY'S FUTURE

Rome, Mar. 11.

The Fascist Grand Council during a three hour meeting discussed whether to maintain the powerful Rome-Berlin Axis, or whether to fulfil its pledges to Austria under the Rome protocols.

Observers believe that either choice will decide Italy's future in Europe. As far as can be learned no decision was reached.—*United Press.*

MUSSOLINI KEPT INFORMED

Rome, Mar. 12.

It is now announced that a special envoy late yesterday afternoon brought Signor Mussolini a letter from Herr Hitler informing Il Duce of Germany's intentions in connection with Austria.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated that "this will dispose of the ill-intentioned rumour circulating abroad that Italy was not informed in advance of yesterday's events."

Authoritative circles state that the coming into power of the Nazis in Austria has been considered inevitable for some time, and had become a necessity.

The Schuschnigg Government had never made any request to Italy regarding the plebiscite.

Meanwhile, Rome is maintaining contact with Berlin.—*Reuter.*

HITLER JUSTIFIES ACTION

Hitler's letter to Mussolini made three points.

Firstly, his action in Austria was only to be regarded as an act of legitimate national defence "which any man of character would have done. You too, Your Excellency could not have acted differently if the destiny of Italians had been at stake."

Secondly, "at a critical hour for Italy I demonstrated to you the strength of my sentiments. Don't doubt that in future. Also nothing will be changed in this respect." (The reference is to Germany's abstention from the sanctions campaign).

Thirdly "Whatever may be the consequence of coming events, I have drawn a definite German frontier with France and I now trace one equally definite with Italy. It is at Brenner. This decision will never be touched or questioned. I did not take this decision in the year 1938, but immediately after the end of the Great War."

Hitler's letter was read by Signor Dino Alfieri, Minister of Popular Culture, to 300 journalists.

Signor Alfieri said that the Fascist Grand Council had noted that the Austrian Government had not informed the Italian Government of the Berchtesgaden agreement and the decisions which followed it.

However, the Italian Government had decided not to interfere in any way in the internal politics of Austria. Not only was the plebiscite, unexpectedly called by Schuschnigg, not suggested by the Italian Government, but the Government definitely advised against it as soon as it received the news.

WISHES OF THE PEOPLE

Signor Alfieri added: "The Grand Council considers that what has happened in Austria is the result of a state of affairs already existing and as an open expression of the sentiment and wishes of the Austrian people which are shown in no uncertain manner by the imposing public demonstration with which the events have been greeted."

"The Grand Council also takes note of the rejection by the Fascist Government of the invitation from France for concerted action, which, being without basis and aim, would only have had the effect of making the international situation more difficult. The Council approves the line of policy adopted by the Fascist Government towards the events in Austria, a policy inspired by a realistic appreciation if the situation in relation to the interests of the Italian nation."—*Reuter.*

The *United Press* adds that Hitler recalled that when Dollfuss was assassinated Germany mobilised on the Austrian border and Italy warned that Italian troops would cross the border if a German entered Austria.

However, it is understood that Italy's present position is based on a note whereby Mussolini is supposed to have agreed not to interfere with Hitler's peaceful penetration in Central Europe.

A military communique states that German and Italian troops are fraternising at the Brenner.

London Summing-up of the Spring Fashion Shows by Robb and Lucy Milner

Round flat pillbox, slightly deeper at the back than the front, made of hyacinth blue crepe. Worn tilted forward, trimmed with two big bunches of blue and white flowers. From Suzy.

Erik's flat, plate-like straw, slightly turned up at the edges of the brim, carrying a whole black crow on the top. Held on by a narrow band of ribbon running under the hair at the back.

Curving brim in navy blue Baku straw, dipping back and front to follow the line of the head. Crown is made of big, clustered, white pansies, centred with orange, piled up towards the back of the head.

Goodbye to high crowns

Sports hat in cherry red felt, with a brim which dips at the back and curves down over the eyes in front. Crown is split into two peaks, which carry the line up and forward.

Suzy makes this hat in coarse, ridged, claret-coloured straw, with a flat brim curving inwards at the edge and a tiny narrowing crown of royal blue crepe. Top of the crown was straw again, finishing in a blue stalk.

Showing the variations that can be played on the Breton theme. Stiff stand-up brim of white grosgrain, quilted with blue stitching, put on a crown is bound with blue ribbon. Suzy.

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BOATERS with squared, shallow crowns and stiff, thick brims, made of coarse plaited straw and trimmed with bows and veils of stiff net. Excellent with tailor-mades.

BRETONS some of them perfectly round and classical, some with the sweep of the upturned brim far higher on one side than the other. They are often made in two materials and two colours; brims of straw, crowns of grosgrain. Also very good for wearing with suits, and becoming if you can take the off-the-face line.

PLATES with big flat brims, and no crowns to speak of. They hardly touch your head anywhere, but are held on with scarves or ribbons of coarse veils knotted at the back. They take their trimming on the top—bird wings, large clustered flowers, even fruit. Good for balancing the width of the full-skirted afternoon frocks.

CLOCHES but not the face-extinguishers of ten years ago. These have round, dipping brims softly shading your eyes.

CROWNLESS BRIMS softly curving to follow the lines of your head (you see one here in picture 3), and filled in with clusters of big flowers. Charmingly feminine.

SPORTS HATS made of light felts, with brims which dip both front and back, reaching sometimes almost to the nape of your neck at the back. With crowns which are split and often two-peaked. With no sort of trimming except perhaps a band of petersham.

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EACH of these hats is as smart, as new, as the other. One thing they have in common is that they are all worn tilted forward, shading your face. Newest straws are coarse, woven, and plaited; there's one made our of silver paper.

Trimmings vary from wings, birds' heads, even whole birds, to big life-like imitations of flowers, ribbon streamers, and stiff bows and veils of net. Colours pick up the tints of the new frocks, all shades of reds and blues, black white and egg-yolk yellow.

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A "fasting campaign" in which students sacrificed their tiffins and assisted in other manner to secure funds, organised by the Hongkong Students' Relief Association on March 10, 11 and 12, resulted in the collection of $4,752.18.

The entire proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of rain coats and winter clothes for the Chinese soldiers. It is understood that during the campaign 400 students participated in the collection of funds.

MISSIONS BOMBED

Women Tell Of Great Ordeal

Chengchow, Honan, Mar. 12.

From the wreckage of a Peiping-Hankow railway station into the gloomiest ruck streets in this once thriving junction city, which at present only comes to life at night time, I stepped to-day to find that every mission had been bombed.

On February 14 the American Free Methodist was bombed and the Italian Catholic Mission on March 8, writes Mr. Jack Belden, the *United Press* correspondent.

Beside a 12-foot crater eight yards from her house Miss Bessie Reid of Kingston, Ontario, told me her story: "My sister Miss Pearl Reid, who came from Kaifeng to help me, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lindbeck, of Nebraska, who left Loyang to come here because they thought it safer, were in the house about 6.45 in the morning when I heard an alarm and hurriedly dressed. I had just returned from morning prayer and watched the planes overhead, I was standing alone by the wall. It all happened so quickly—I heard a thud on the other side of the wall, then dust and snow fell on my head. I popped into a small trench and then heard the whiz of a bomb which fell on the yard."

Mrs. Lindbeck took up the story here and said: "My husband and I and Pearl Reid were in the house when we heard a terrific rush of wind and a horrid whistling, then a crash and it was all over. The house seemed to heave up. We grabbed our coats and rushed into the trench. We cried to Bessie that the house had been struck. Emerging from the trench was something which looked like white gas. Coming out from the hole we felt queer. "We telegraphed to the American Consul in Hankow. The damage done was $2,000. Only three panes of glass were not shattered."

Asked why she was staying with Bessie Reid, Mrs. Lindbeck replied: "So that we can help the people in the time of the city's occupation. We would not stay just for the property. It is strange that all three places where foreigners are living were hit, but it is still kind of lucky that they were not hurt. I believe that the attack was accidental."

In the Italian Catholic Mission Chinese refugees were killed when bombs directly struck the trench, but the foreigners were not hurt.

It is noted that the Catholic Mission is very close to the railway. The Methodist Mission is near some unimportant barracks, while the Baptist Mission is far from military objectives.—*United Press.*

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Doctor Says "Here Is Cancer Germ"

TELLS OF LONG HUNT

(By A Correspondent)

Vienna.

DR. FRANZ GERLACH, forty-seven-year-old bacteriologist in the Austrian Government veterinary service, gave a delicate twist to his ultra-powerful microscope and said to me: "There they are. You are the first layman to have seen the germs of cancer."

Through the microscope, against a dark background, I saw little pinpricks of light like the smallest stars. They remained quite still.

Dr. Gerlach, after fifteen years' research, announced to scientists in Vienna that he has succeeded in making visible the ultra-microscopic germs that cause cancer, hydrophobia, foot-and-mouth disease, and influenza.

INFECTED HIMSELF

Tall, with greying hair, he talked to me about his discoveries as he demonstrated slides on which were tiny cultures of millions of germs—enough to kill half of Vienna's two million people, he explained.

He said: "These germs are the smallest living bodies we know. Compared to them the germs that cause tuberculosis are like an elephant to a mouse.

"I have been able to make them visible by this new microscope, which uses ultra-violet rays. It has taken us fifteen years in this laboratory to find a substance which would mix with the cultures and cause the germs to show against their background."

He held up his forefinger. "Twice I pricked myself with a needle in this finger during experiments on hydrophobia. I went right away to have serum injections, but it was awful to recognise the disease symptoms as they appeared and to wonder whether I had been in time.

NEARER TO CURE

"With this discovery we are nearer to a cure—we have at least found out that the germs that cause cancer, hydrophobia, influenza and foot-and-mouth disease are similar.

"But what it is that sets the germs at work we do not know yet. May be that will take a lifetime to discover.

"Only then can we set about finding how to kill them."

ROMANCE RUMORED—Envy of every Russian woman is dark-eyed Maria Demchenko, collective farm girl, not only because she was recently made a deputy of the Soviet Parliament, but because of her close friendship with Red Dictator Josef Stalin. Stalin has ordered leading Russian professors to educate her.

EMPIRE NEWS

ISSUES BEFORE PARLIAMENT

Ottawa,

"The Canadian Parliament, in which the Liberal party has an overwhelming majority, meets to-morrow.

No fireworks are expected, but three important topics are likely to be debated in the five months during which Parliament is expected to be in session. They are defence, tariffs and the export of hydro-electric power to the United States.

The Budget, as a whole, is likely to be a relatively simple matter, and will almost certainly be balanced. The proposed new trade pacts, involving Britain, the United States and Canada, are not likely to be completed before the Budget is introduced.

Fund for Agriculture.—Legislation in the interests of the Farmers' Union is predicted in the Quebec Provincial Legislature. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Dussault, is submitting bills for improving the condition of farmers. It is expected that there will be a £2,000,000 increase in the Farm Loan, and that there will be an increased budget for agriculture.

Export Figures.—Exports of Canadian products for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending March 31 amounted to a gross value of £170,852,894, compared with £163,164,345 for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The United Kingdom took goods valued at £64,131,106, compared with £64,825,500.—*Exchange.*

Butter from New Zealand.—New Zealand is exporting record butter shipments, totalling 1,375 tons, to Canada owing to a shortage here.

ALBERTA DECISION

Ottawa.

The Supreme Court to-day reserved judgment in the case involving the constitutionality of the three Alberta bills assent to which was withheld by the Lieut-Governor of Alberta. The bills deal with taxation of banks, control of credit and regulation of the Press.

A week ago the court reserved judgment concerning the powers of the Governor-General in Council to disallow, and of the Lieut-Governor to withhold the Royal Assent to the legislation passed by the Legislature.

Australia

GERMANY AND WORLD PEACE

Melbourne.

Speaking at a Parliamentary luncheon here to-day, Earl De La Warr, Lord Privy Seal, declared that the feeling of his Ministerial colleagues was that war was far from inevitable. "We would," he asserted, "be making the greatest of mistakes if we believed that Germany was facing the future in a spirit of determination for war."

Earl De La Warr expressed the opinion that the German peoples were as opposed to war as the British. He did not believe that it was hopeless to come to some arrangement which would ensure the future peace of the world.—*Exchange.*

ROYAL ROBES GUARDED DAY AND NIGHT BY DETECTIVES

A day and night guard of detectives are protecting the Royal Coronation Robes which have arrived in Australia for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations, opening this week. They will be on display in the National Gallery, states *Austral News*, together with an exhibition of Australian art.

SACRED GOLD STOOL OF ASHANTI

THE mysterious Golden Stool of Ashanti, which no white man has ever seen, was described to the London *News Chronicle* recently by Prince Cabina Kessie, nephew of Prempeh II., King of Ashanti.

"I have never seen it," said Prince Kessie, "but my mother, sister of the Queen, was allowed as a special mark of honour to gaze upon it, and she told me of it.

"It is solid gold, with no particle of wood, and requires eight men to carry it. In shape it shows Egyptian influence, and is covered with wonderful designs.

"For eight centuries it has represented the soul of Ashanti. Because it was the symbol of sovereignty and national unity the English tried their best to capture it in the Ashanti wars. But its hiding-place is still an inviolate secret."

The stool rests in an underground chamber in a village whose inhabitants from time immemorial have been its sworn guardians, Prince Kessie added. **The identity of the village is secret.**

Once a year during the night of ceremonial obeisance by the chiefs it travels swiftly after dark to the royal palace and to the mausoleum where dead Ashanti kings lie in golden coffins. Before dawn it is back in its hiding place.

TOUCH WOULD DEFILE IT

Not even the king himself is allowed to sit on it. He makes the gesture of sitting on it three times, but without touching it. To touch it would be to defile it.

With it lies an Arabian Nights mass of treasure—gold umbrella tops, golden sandals, swords, belts and guns studded with gems.

"There are two other royal stools of gold on wood for ordinary occasions," said Prince Kessie, "and these are sometimes confused with the secret stool."

Prince Kessie finishes his law studies at the Middle Temple in May, when he returns to Ashanti as adviser to the king. For the past 100 years the men of his family have all been educated at Oxford. He broke the tradition by going to the London School of Economics.

Recently he spoke at the City Temple on "Colour Prejudice in London." He believes it is on the increase.

"Quoth The Raven—"

Istanbul.

"Every man between the ages of 18 and 50 must produce the body of a dead raven," decrees the Governor of Tekirdagh, in the Dardanelles zone.

Any male inhabitant between the ages laid down who fails to kill a raven will be liable to a heavy fine.

The reason is that the district is infested with these birds, which are causing great destruction.

The population are also requested to co-operate in the slaughter of wild boars, which, made desperate by the cold, are killing sheep and cattle and even attacking human beings.

"One thousand boars, dead or alive, must be caught this month," the word has gone forth.—*Reuter.*

NEW STAR FOR HOLLYWOOD.—Hungarian Cinemactress Franciska Gaal is the latest European recruit to Hollywood's studios. She has an important part in the film "Buccaneer," shortly to be released in Hongkong.

CLOSING THE OPEN DOOR IN MANCHUKUO

By Henry Wood
United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, Feb. 25.

Two new blows have just been delivered by the Manchukuan government to the already tottering Open Door policy in that country, according to a survey of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

These are:

1. The announcement by the prime minister of Manchukuo that it is the intention of the government to discontinue all extra-territorial treatment formerly granted to foreign residents in Manchukuo.

2. The enactment of a foreign control act which will enable the government to restrict immensely the importation of goods from all countries except Japan.

These two measures follow a list of several others all of which have had for their objective the curtailing of the open door policy. Most important of these to date was the creation of a state monopoly on oil products which forced all of the large foreign-owned oil companies out of Manchukuo.

The significance of these measures, the Institute reports, is that while tending to close the open door in Manchukuo to other nations, they all work out favourably for Japan.

As a matter of fact, Japan opened the way for the announcement of the Manchukuan prime minister that extra-territorial rights in the treatment of foreign nationals will be discontinued by signing a treaty with Manchukuo, which became effective Dec. 1, in which Japan voluntarily renounced her own extra-territorial privileges.

The Institute finds that Japan was able to do this without prejudice to herself by virtue of the fact she has already secured the creation in Manchukuo of a set of laws, courts and prisons, all based on the Japanese model and liberally staffed by Japanese officials.

NO EXTRATERRITORIALITY

Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen and other foreigners residing in Manchukuo will, under the new order of things, no longer have the right to be tried before their own courts, but will be passed on by the Manchukuan juridical regime.

While this places them on the same basis as the Japanese, such is not the case with the new foreign exchange control law which discriminates against foreign interests.

Protest against its application has already been made by the British consul-general on the grounds that it discriminates in favour of the Japanese and violates the principle of equal commercial opportunity for all.

The United States consulate at Mukden has also protested against the application of the new banking act to the Manchurian branches of the National City Bank of New York, under which quite a few foreign privileges are to be suppressed.

The new foreign exchange control act follows closely the one put into effect by Japan last year, and gives the government complete control over all importations by either granting or refusing to grant the necessary foreign exchange with which to pay for them.

However, an exception is made in the case of importations from Japan.

According to semi-official reports, licences for the importation of such luxuries as jewellery, cosmetics, cameras, cigars, cigarettes, high-priced motor cars and similar articles will not be granted.

Exchange for such imports as wheat, flour, sugar, paper, tea, watches, clocks, silk and rayon textiles, and canned goods, which are produced in Manchukuo, or for which substitutes are obtainable in Japan, will be "strictly restricted," according to this report.

Imports of raw materials like raw cotton, and wool will not be permitted in excess of domestic demand.

This new law not only gives the Manchukuan government the power to close the "open door" but also the power to favour "friendly" nations such as Germany and Japan, and presumably Italy which is also aligned with the Nipponese.—*United Press.*

NO OATS FOR ARMY HORSES IN ITALY

'SUBSTITUTE' TUNICS FOR SOLDIERS

Turin.

The use of substitutes, which has for some time been general among the Italian public under the Self-Sufficiency Plan, has now been extended to the army. It is hoped to dispense with imported textiles for uniforms and imported oats for horses' fodder.

Changes in Army supplies are the first results of a plan drafted by Gen. Parnini, Under-Secretary for War. From now on cavalry and artillery horses will be fed on cakes made of refuse and various by-products. These include:

Bran siftings, molasses and cocoa pods;

Skins and crushed seeds of grapes and other vintage by-products;

Tomato skins and seeds, olive husks, rice husks, and beans;

Brewers' by-products and powdered animal blood;

Flour from leguminous plants, mineral salts and chopped hay and straw;

Cotton seed remains after the extraction of the oil, and

Refuse from the military bakeries.

At Naples a factory has been built for the sole purpose of manufacturing the new fodder. There is another one near Bologna.

The food is said to keep well and to be much easier to transport than oats.

The Italian soldiers' new uniforms are to be made of wool mixed with 30 to 50 per cent of [illegible]

City Healthy For Babies

Adelaide.

This city has just established a world record during the past year for low infant mortality. The rate fell to 25 per thousand births as compared with [illegible]

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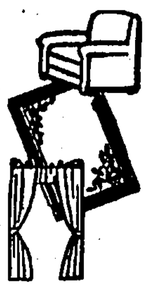

Carpets and Rugs should be thoroughly Shampooed & Dried — Clothing, Drapes, Loose Covers should be "ZORIC" Drycleaned—in order to be sure that moth eggs, grime, grit, etc. are completely got rid of.

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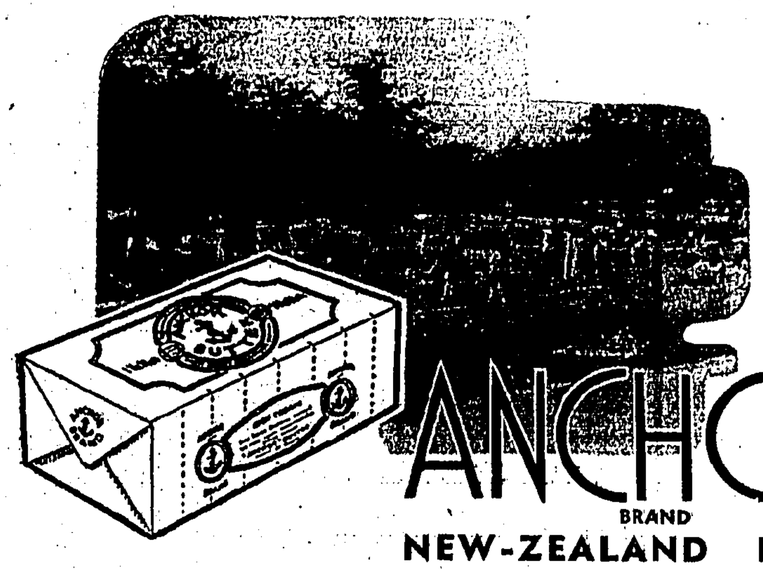

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

Happy Valley

This Course is closed on **Tuesday, 15th March till 11 a.m.**, owing to a parade of the Royal Navy.

HONG KONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fourth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Thursday, the 24th March, 1938, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
S. R. KERR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

POLICY OF ISOLATION WINS MORE ADHERENTS

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the withdrawal from the Alaskan fisheries.

WILL OPPOSE APPROPRIATION

"I am not going to vote a billion dollar appropriation to gratify a few admirals and greedy munitions men," he declared.

Political observers here believed the net result of the Austro-German development in the United States would be a strengthening of isolationist sentiment and a considerable increase in support for the naval programme shortly to be put to the test of House and Senate debate.

President Roosevelt's majority in Congress is such that the naval programme, with its huge expansion in ships of the line and cruisers, was always considered safe, but the mid-West agricultural legislators and other groups traditionally anti-Navy were expected to force lengthy debate and possibly some modification. This possibility was believed tonight to have been greatly lessened.—*United Press.*

NOTICE.

RENTS COMMISSION

The Rents Commission invites Landlords and Tenants to submit, in writing, any facts which they wish to bring to the Commission's notice in respect of the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of of Victoria and Kowloon having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years, and the extent to which and the manners in which tenants and landlords have been and are being affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hong Kong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year.

The Commission will, after consideration of written statements, request the writers of such statements as appear helpful or relevant to appear and give oral testimony before it at the Urban Council Chamber (top floor, Post Office Building), at such time and date as may be notified.

All communications should be addressed to The Secretary, Rents Commission, C/o. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and will be treated as confidential if desired.

R. J. MINNITT,
Secretary, Rents Commission.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.**

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

C. B. A. TOURNAMENT

A mixed doubles tennis tournament will be held on Sunday at 2.15 p.m. on the Central British Association Court, King's Park. Will those interested notify the secretary, Mr. J. J. King, c/o Falconer and Company. Entries must be in by Thursday.

Tea will be served and prizes given to the winning couple. Admission fees for members will be $1 for women and $1.25 for men. Non-members fees will be $1.25 and $1.50.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE RENTS QUESTION

The General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposes, if deemed advisable, to make representation to the Government of Hongkong in support of tenants whose rents have been unreasonably increased or who have been evicted despite prompt payment of rent.

To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government, residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to **Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.**

All replies will be treated confidentially.

Note: Whether your rent has been increased or not, please make a return so as to enable the Association to judge approximately what proportion of tenants have been victimised.

Name .....

Address .....

Name of Landlord .....

Flat or House .....

Are you principal or sub-tenant? .....

Rent paid on June 30, 1937 $ .....

" " " September 30, 1937 $ .....

" " " December 31, 1937 $ .....

" " " February 28, 1938 $ .....

What was your rent when you first occupied the premises? $ ....

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Has your Landlord evicted you? .....

For what reason .....

Were you in arrears with your rent? .....

Are you a satisfied tenant? .....

Remarks .....

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18 TO DIE BRANDED TRAITORS

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misunderstand Soviet conditions, declaring that he had already confessed, and he expected adequate justice from the Soviet court.

M. Yagoda, former head of the Ogpu, also reiterated his confession, but pleaded that his life be spared.

In a final appeal before the judges, M. Rakovsky, former Soviet Ambassador to London said his only regret was that Trotsky was not there to share in the responsibility for his "heinous crimes."

TROTSKY CURSED

Other defendants in their final speeches cursed Trotsky and Bukharin, and asked that Bukharin should be given the severest penalty. They all said they confessed because they wanted to help the Soviet Government to get rid of its enemies, and also they wanted it to serve as a warning to their friends and followers, not under arrest, to cease the struggle against the State.

Among the 18 men sentenced to death were M. Yagoda, former chief of the Ogpu and former Commissar for Internal Affairs, M. Bukharin, former editor of *Izvestia*, M. Grinko, Commissar for Finance, M. Krestinsky, assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Rosengoltz, Commissar for Foreign Trade, M. Rykov, successor to Lenin as Premier of the U.S.S.R., and one of the leaders in 1929 and 1930 in developing a "Right opposition", which led to his expulsion from the political bureau, M. Chernov, Commissar for Agriculture, M. Ikramov, Secretary of the Communist Party, M. Grutshov, Secretary to M. Maxim Gorky, M. Shanghovich, President of the White Russian Republic, M. Menzhiesky, successor to M. Yagoda as head of the secret police, M. Kuibeshov, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Dr. Levin, head of the Kremlin Hospital, Dr. Kasakov, Director of the Institute for Facial Metabolism, and Dr. Maximov, one of the Kremlin physicians.—*Reuter Special.*

FIREMEN CALLED FROM DRILL TO BEDROOM BLAZE

Firemen attached to the Connaught Road Fire Station were hurriedly called in from drill on the vacant allotment near the Kowloon Post Office shortly before 9 o'clock this morning to answer an alarm from Parkes Street.

Four engines and the police emergency van were despatched to the scene, where a small fire in a second floor bedroom was extinguished within a few minutes with water buckets.

The alarm was given at peak traffic hours and traffic to and from the Jordan Road Ferry was held up for about ten minutes by the large crowd which quickly filled the street.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship
"MARECHAL JOFFRE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via ports etc., arrived Hongkong on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th March, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs:—Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th March, 1938, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd April, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

—To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th March, 1938, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

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Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

HONGKONG CYCLING

H. A. G. Keates Wins Two More Races

Six members of the Hongkong Cycling Club and four other riders competed in a road championship and handicap event over a 27 miles course on Friday. The trial was the last item on the Club's 1937-8 racing programme.

Riders were despatched by Mr. J. L. Smith, Hon. Secretary, according to their handicap allowance. Thus W. S. Chen, S. Wallace and L. C. Chang set off together 25 minutes before the scratch rider, the Club's champion, H. A. G. Keates.

A brisk pace was maintained by most riders on the first three miles to the hill-foot at Shaukiwan, where leading actual times were: Keates 8.12., S. K. Wong (8 mins.) 9.23., and R. Alves (7 mins.) 9.34. The next 1½ miles, a climb of over 630 feet, slowed the competitors considerably, but at the top the same three riders were fastest in 14.52., 16.46. and 17.12. A detour towards Sheko, returning to the next check at Tytam Gap, followed and accounted for a further eight miles of slightly easier going, at the end of which the following was the position on the road:

	p.m.	Actual Time
3. L. C. Chang (25 mins.)	2.25.52	50.52
2. S. Wallace (25)	2.26.16	51.16
1. W. S. Chen (25)	2.31.48	56.48
4. W. Burnham (15)	2.32. 6	47. 6
5. T. Williams (15)	2.34.55	49.55
8. S. K. Wong (8)	2.25.53	43.53
7 Yuk Liang (10)	2.36. 7	46. 7
9. R. Alves (7)	2.36.40	43.40
6. R. Johnson (12)	2.37.12	49.12
10. H. A. G. Keates (Scr.)	2.37.23	37.23

The next 8½ miles lay along the the coast road past Stanley Peninsula, Repulse and Deep Water Bays to Aberdeen. Though very hilly, this section was found to be faster due to a helpful wind, and from it Keates obtained full value with his high gear, frequently exceeding 35 m.p.h. His fast cornering and almost uncanny control gave the other competitors a lesson in speed with safety. On no occasion did the Irishman fail to give every consideration to other users of the road, yet withal he was able to run completely through the field, and led at the fishing town (21 miles) by 46 secs. from L. C. Chang, the longmarker, who was continuing to ride with confidence and consistency. The following were the times and places at Aberdeen:

	p.m.	Actual Time
10. H. A. G. Keates (Scr.)	3. 1.13	1. 1.13
3. L. C. Chang (25)	3. 1.50	1.26.59
8. S. K. Wong (8)	3. 3.56	1.11.50
9. R. Alves (7)	3. 4.23	1.11.23
4. W. Burnham (15)	3. 5.20	1.20.20
7. Yuk Liang (10)	3. 5.23	1.15.23
5. T. Williams (15)	3. 7. 7	1.22. 7
2. S. Wallace (25)	3. 8. 7	1.33. 7
6. R. Johnson (12)	3. 8.32	1.20.32
1. W. S. Chen (25)	3.10.10	1.35.10

In the next 13 furlongs to Stubbs Road, near Victoria Gap, an ascent of over 1,430 feet had to be negotiated, the narrow road winding up behind Aberdeen Cemetery and up the slopes of Mt. Kellett. Keates alone succeeded in riding the whole of this, using a 56" gear, and he made the climb in 10½ mins. to lead Chang by 8.55, with Wong and Alves together a further 1.47 in arrears. The remainder of the field failed to survive this arduous section.

The last 4⅞ miles on Stubbs and Tai Hang Roads being all down hill proved furiously fast, and brought the quartet of competitors (all members of the Club) to the finish in the following order:

	p.m.	Act. Time	Average Speed
10. H. A. G. Keates (Scr.)	3.20.47	1.20.47	20.053
3. L. C. Chang (25)	3.23. 4	1.56. 4	13.721
8. S. K. Wong (8)	3.33.17	1.41.17	15.906
9. R. Alves (7)	3.33.18	1.40.18	16.151

Thus the Championship and first handicap award go to H.A.G. Keates, the runner-up in the former category being R. Alves, and in the latter, L. C. Chang. S. K. Wong, the only remaining rider to finish, put up a very plucky performance, but was unfortunate in losing by very narrow margins in each section.

Timekeeping at the start, Tytam Gap, Aberdeen and the finish was carried out by Mr. J. L. Smith, assisted by Mr. A. Cossins (and motor-cycle). The Club and competitors appreciated the efforts of the many others who assisted as course marshals, and in other capacities.

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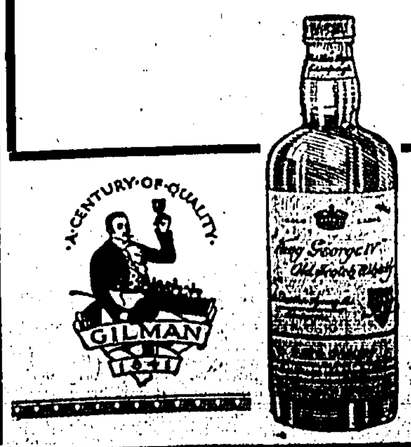

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Children Play With Matches

START FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD

Two small outbreaks of fire were reported yesterday.

Children playing with matches were responsible for a fire in a Chinese flat on the second floor of a building in Queen's Road East. The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Considerable damage was done to machinery and goods in the Tung Shing Incense Factory at 35 Cheung Sa Wan Road as the result of a fire at 1 p.m. yesterday. The fire was extinguished by the Central brigade.

JAPANESE INVADERS NEAR SIAN

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ammunition and gasoline. The trip was successfully accomplished.

The Lunghai railway stations are daily bombed and Chengchow is receiving daily alarms. The telegraph workers at Tungkwan have evacuated.

The populace was doubly pleased with the Chengtu and Szechuan army commanders, responding to the Chungking Chamber of Commerce's representation urging that Szechuen troops should move northward against the enemy, stated that preparations had been perfected for such a move as soon as specific instructions from general headquarters had been received.

The local press welcomes the report from Hankow that the central authorities have warned the provinces and municipalities to prepare execution of a general mobilisation mandate.—*United Press.*

LIVELY FIGHTING ON LUNGHAI FRONT

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eastern Shantung, the Japanese suffered no less than 4,000 casualties.

Chinese defenders, using effectively machine-guns and hand grenades during the close range struggle, lost approximately 2,500 killed and wounded.

The Japanese opened their assault on the city with devastating artillery fire. Chinese troops hidden in nearby villages, did not reply until the Japanese infantry were within close range.

Throughout the fighting, the Chinese relied mainly on the use of hand-grenades.—*Central News.*

KING CAROL STILL TO VISIT LONDON

Bucharest, Mar. 13.

The Rumanian Foreign Office states that there is no change of plans for the visit of King Carol and Prince Michael to London on March 22.—*Reuter.*

£4 Reward For Duke Of Kent

St. Anton.

The Duke of Kent has given to the poor of St. Anton a reward of £4 he received for finding a valuable cigarette case during an outing on the skiing slopes near here yesterday.

He returned his find to the police station, and the reward was paid by the Swiss owner of the case.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai Nanking, Taingtau, Tientsin and Peiping are temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Kaying	March 14.
Manila	Prometheus	March 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 15.
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	March 15.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	March 15.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	March 16.
Haiphong	Canton	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date, 17th February and (London Parcels)—London date, 10th February	Ranpura	March 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 3rd February	Agamemnon	March 18.
Straits	Bhutan	March 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	March 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaisar-I-Hind	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Liangchow	March 18.
Saigon	Sphinx	March 18.
Shanghai	Glenshiel	March 19.
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	March 19.
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	March 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	March 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak	March 20.
Japan	Teucer	March 21.
Straits	Eumaeus	March 22.
Straits	Van Heutsz	March 22.
Calcutta and Straits	Mausang	March 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	March 23.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila—Seattle date—26th February	Pres. Jefferson	March 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 23rd Feb.)	Pres. Cleveland	March 24.
Amoy	Sirdhana	March 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	March 24.
Java	Tjisalak	March 24.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	March 25.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 5th March)	Emp. of Japan	March 25.
Japan	Toyama Maru	March 25.
Straits	Katori Maru	March 26.
Japan	Nojima Maru	March 26.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Monday		
Manila	Emp. of Britain	Mon., Mar. 14, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Mon., Mar. 14, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane K. P. O. Reg., Ord., G. P. O. Reg., Ord.,	Mon., March 14. March 14, 5 p.m. March 14, 5 p.m. March 14, 5 p.m. March 15, 6 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March.	Taiping Parcels, Reg., Ord.,	Mon., Mar. 14, Mar. 14, 5 p.m. Mar. 15, 8.45 a.m. Mar. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 23rd March	Imperial Airways Plane G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. Ord.	Tues., Mar. 15. Mar. 15, 8 a.m. Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by the "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 19th March	Imperial Airways Plane G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Tues., Mar. 15. Mar. 15, 8 a.m. Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Tues., Mar. 15, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaying	Tues., Mar. 15, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua and Rabaul, *Sydney and *Melbourne	Neptuna	Tues., Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.15 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fausang	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chekiang	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kaigan	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Wed., March 16, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, *Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 4th April.	Empress of Russia Parcels, Reg., Ord.,	Thurs., Mar. 17. Mar. 17, 4 p.m. Mar. 17, 5 p.m. Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Frk, Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Nanning	Fri., Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Ranpura	Fri., Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Suisang Parcels Ord.,	Fri., Mar. 18. Mar. 18, 11 a.m. Mar. 18, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Fri., March 18, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th April.	Kaisar-I-Hind G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels, Reg., Ord.,	Fri., Mar. 18, Mar. 18, 5 p.m. Mar. 19, 9.45 a.m. Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Sat., March 19, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th March.	Kaisar-I-Hind G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Sat., Mar. 19. Mar. 19, 9.30 a.m. Mar. 19, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "France-Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 3rd April	Marechal Joffre G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Sat., Mar. 19. March 19, 4 p.m. March 19, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., March 19, 5p.m.
Manila, Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 11th April	Conte Biancamano G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Sat., March 19. March 19, 4.15 p.m. March 19, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th April	Marechal Joffre G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Ord.,	Sat., Mar. 19. March 19, 4.15 p.m. March 19, 5 p.m.
Tuesday		
Batavia and Soursbaya	Tjibadak	Tues., Mar. 22, 9.30 a.m.
Friday		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th April	Atsuta Maru Reg., Ord.,	Fri., Mar. 25. Mar. 25, 4.15 p.m. Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

CHIANG ATTEMPTS DARING STRATEGY

Hopes To Wipe Out Japanese Army In Shansi

Hankow, Mar. 13.

A new strategic drive to encircle and annihilate the Japanese forces now operating in Shansi has been worked out by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and orders have already been given for it to be put into effect, it is learned.

The first part of this plan has been to send reinforcements to the Chinese defenders on the south bank of the Yellow River and give these defenders orders to hold the Japanese advance into Honan at all costs.

At the same time Chinese forces operating along the Peiping-Hankow railway have been ordered to advance in two directions: one column to push west into southern Shansi, where the Japanese investiture is thinnest, the other column to push up north along the railway and then veer west and cut the Japanese retreat.

At the same time Chinese reinforcements have been drafted into Shensi to hold the Japanese advance on that flank and if possible to push the Japanese back.

The plan to encircle the Japanese is completed by orders that have been sent to the Chinese forces operating inside Shansi to collect in the north of that province and to push down south.

The whole movement is designed to be completed within a fortnight. Hankow is optimistic as to the success of this new strategy.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE RETREAT

Hankow, Mar. 13.

The Sakai detachment, which moved northward from Linfen and was met by Chinese troops, suffered heavy losses on March 9 and was forced to take refuge in Huohsien on the Tatung-Puchow Railway about 40 miles north of Linfen.

A Chinese report claims that over one thousand prisoners were taken. Huohsien is now surrounded by Chinese.

Puchow (Yungchi) on the terminus of the railway in south Shansi is reported to have been recaptured by Chinese, who inflicted heavy casualties.

Heavy fighting is still going on in the north-west of Yuanchu on the north bank of the Yellow River east of the railway. Japanese artillery at Fenglingtu continued to pound the opposite bank of the river, but most infantry units are reported to be retiring northward.—*International.*

CHINESE RETAKE PUCHOW

Hankow, Mar. 13.

Indicative of a favourable turn for the Chinese, several important towns have been recaptured. These include Puchow, the southern terminus of the Tatung-Puchow railway, Tawuchen, north-east of Lishih, 60 miles west-south-west of Taiyuan and 25 miles from the Shansi-Shensi border, and Kofeng in west Shansi.—*Central News.*

CHINESE ADVANCE

Hankow, Mar. 13.

Having recaptured Puchow (Yungchi) in south Shansi on the terminus of the Tatung-Puchow Railway, Chinese forces to-day followed up their advance by counter-attacking Fenglingtao, south of Puchow on the north bank of the Yellow River.

The Japanese units are retreating northward, leaving behind 300 dead. Simultaneously Chinese troops on the south bank crossed the river to join in the pursuit of the enemy.

The Tatung-Puchow Railway south of Taiyuan was severed at eight different points, thereby isolating the Japanese forces along the railway towns. The cutting of the railway presages Chinese counter-offensive from the east and south.

Sanguinary battles have been raging south of Linfen for the past three days south of Linfen. Some of the Japanese troops who retreated northward to Chnochen were disarmed.—*International.*

War Budget Approved By Japan's Peers

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

The House of Peers has approved the special military budget of ¥4,850,000,000.—*United Press.*

WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

The Japanese Cabinet is asking the Diet to appropriate ¥40,000,000 for the purpose of taking care of wounded Japanese soldiers. It envisages the establishment of a Wounded Soldiers' Protection Board, whose duties will be to provide medical care and later employment for Japanese soldiers wounded in the China war.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE MISTAKE

Hankow, Mar. 12.

Official Chinese opinion here regards the Japanese War Office pamphlet commemorating the war dead and insisting on the long-drawn out character of the China war as a Japanese admission that the Japanese have under-estimated China's strength.—*United Press.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange report official summary issued on Saturday says:

Market continues steady and prices are being maintained. Business was done in Wharves at $140 ex. div., Providents at $3½, and Docks at $34¾.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,595
Union Insurance $540
Union Waterboats $9.30
H.K. & K. Wharves $138¼ x.d.
H.K. & W. Docks $34½
Providents (Old) $3.45
Providents (New) $1.45
H. & S. Hotels $6.95
H.K. Lands $30.85
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures $100
Humphreys $8¾
H.K. Realties $5.05
Chinese Estates $93
H.K. Tramways $15½
Peak Trams (Old) $7
Star Ferries $84½
China Lights (Old) $12½
China Lights (New) $9.30
H.K. Electrics $60¼
Sandakan Lights $13½
Telephones (Old) $27¾
Telephones (New) $10½
Cements $18
Dairy Farms $26
Watsons $6.90
Ewo Cottons $13½
Construction $1½
Wallace Harpers $6½
Marsmans (H.K.) 4/-

Sellers

H.K. Fire Insurance $247½
Raubs $7.00
H. & S. Hotels $7.10
Lane, Crawfords $9¼
Marsmans (H.K.) 4/3

Sales

Hongkong $1,600/5
Union Insurance $540
China Underwriters $2.25/.20
H.K. & K. Wharves $130½/140
H.K. & W. Docks $34½/35
Providents (Old) $3.45/50
Providents (New) $1.45
H.K. Lands $37¼
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H.K. Tramways $15½
Yaumati Ferries $28
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WINTER OLYMPICS NOT FOR JAPAN

Cairo, Mar. 13.

The International Olympic Congress passed a resolution to-day allowing the Olympic winter games to be allotted to a country other than that which is holding the summer games in 1940.—*Reuter.*

DEATH OF FAMOUS U.S. ADVOCATE

Chicago, Mar. 13.

The death is announced of Mr. Clarence Darrow, Chairman of the National Recovery Review Board, in his 81st year.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Darrow, who was called to the Bar in 1878 was attorney for the North-Western Railway, and counsel in a number of Labour cases, including the Debs Strike case, the Anthracite-Coal Strike arbitration in Pennsylvania in 1902, and several other important litigations. One of his last important cases was that in which he was counsel for Lieut. Massie in what became known as the Honolulu Case in 1932.

The late Mr. Darrow was an author of some note, and in addition to some volumes on crime, had published a number of short stories.

SIAM GIVEN NEW RUBBER QUOTA

London, Mar. 13.

According to a *communique* which is to be published to-morrow, it is recommended that Siam be allotted the following basic quotas of rubber production for five years from 1939 to 1943: For 1939, 54,500 tons, for 1940 55,300 tons, for 1941 55,700 tons, for 1942 56,000 tons and for 1943, 60,000 tons.

The percentages of the basic quotas were fixed by the International Committee, and they apply to Siam under the condition that minimum annual export of 41,000 tons is guaranteed.

The minimum area for new planting of 31,000 acres is to be allowed Siam during the five years.—*Reuter.*

BRAG—AND WIN

(Continued from Page 6.)

ist who claims his annihilation of time and distance is more likely to drive carefully and skilfully than recklessly. In endeavouring to justify his words he gives the maximum concentration to the job in hand. The sportsman who tells all and sundry of the infallibility of a favourite bat or club will strike the ball with that supreme confidence which sends it where he wills.

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MADRID SCENE DEPICTED WHEN DUMP BLEW UP

Street Crowds In Terror; Death Toll Known To Be Above 700

Hendaye, frontier, Mar. 7.

The terror that gripped Madrid following the subway blasts that killed more than 700 persons on Jan. 10 has been described belatedly but by reliable sources to the *United Press.*

The explosions of ammunition dumps occurred all along the Royal Diegodeleon line of the subway stretch. This line had been barred to ordinary traffic since November, 1936, when it was taken over for underground storage of munitions to protect them from air raids.

The noon hour was close. The streets were seething with humanity. From out of nowhere, it seemed, a detonation broke the hum of activity like the sound of a tidal wave, coming from the direction of central Madrid. More violent explosions followed this one, halting the march of pedestrians and vehicles.

FRIGHT FALLS OVER CITY

After the first explosion, there was great confusion. The excited people started jabbering in mumbled undertones, almost afraid to be heard.

"What's that? Where did it come from?"

When someone suggested that it was a shell, they refused to believe it.

It wasn't long, however, before the truth was known. A big munitions dump, with wares stored in a subway station in the Ventas district of Madrid, had exploded.

This information sent milling throngs racing to the scene of the tragedy. There they saw tall columns of smoke pouring forth.

The streets were littered with fallen trees.

A "neutral zone" writer arrived just in time to see a frantic crowd stampeding from the station. Their begrimed faces reflected agony and fright. Their eyes were filled with smoke and tears. Heavy whirls of black, choking fumes billowed from the underground opening.

MANY VICTIMS MANGLED

Many of the victims were black from head to foot, their faces so bloodstained and torn that they were unrecognizable. Some were shrieking hysterically, and others moaned in pain and could scarcely hobble out. Soldiers at Goya station tried to calm the maddened crowd that assembled.

Women and children were evacuated as fast as possible. Fearful and desperate women clung to their children as the aged persons, grief-stricken, were left behind. Many women, who had lost their children, refused to leave, their hair dishevelled, their faces tear-stained—scanning the crowd frantically for their offspring.

Many ambulances traversed the streets behind Terrijos, loaded with the wounded and the dead. Bells and fire engines clanged incessantly as the fire apparatus poured streams of water on the smoking debris.

ONE FAMILY INCIDENT RELATED

Four grief-stricken women begged a writer the use of his car to rescue their paralyzed grandmother who had been left behind. They got past the guards, who readily permitted entry to an apartment house in the danger zone and found this aged woman past 75.

Since all electric power had been destroyed when the explosign occurred, firemen worked by the light of their automobile generators brought to the mouths of the tunnels. Many places along the tunnel could not be reached due to cave-ins, so that the actual number of dead and injured remains in doubt.—*United Press.*

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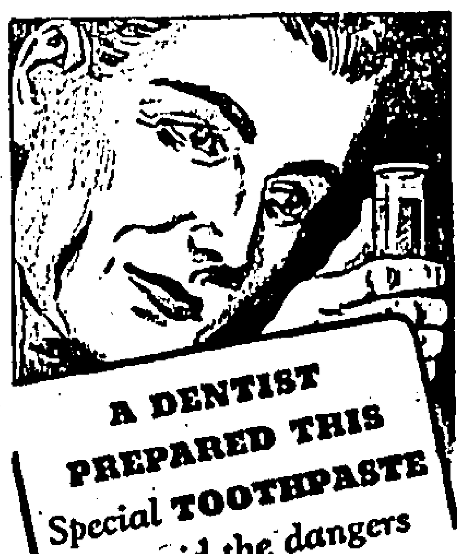
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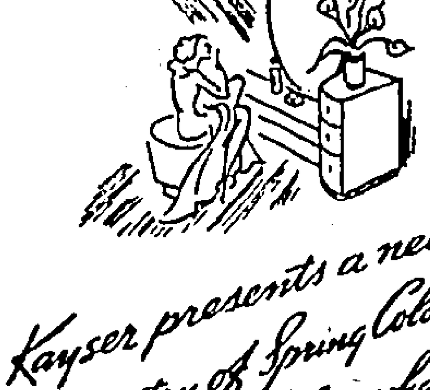

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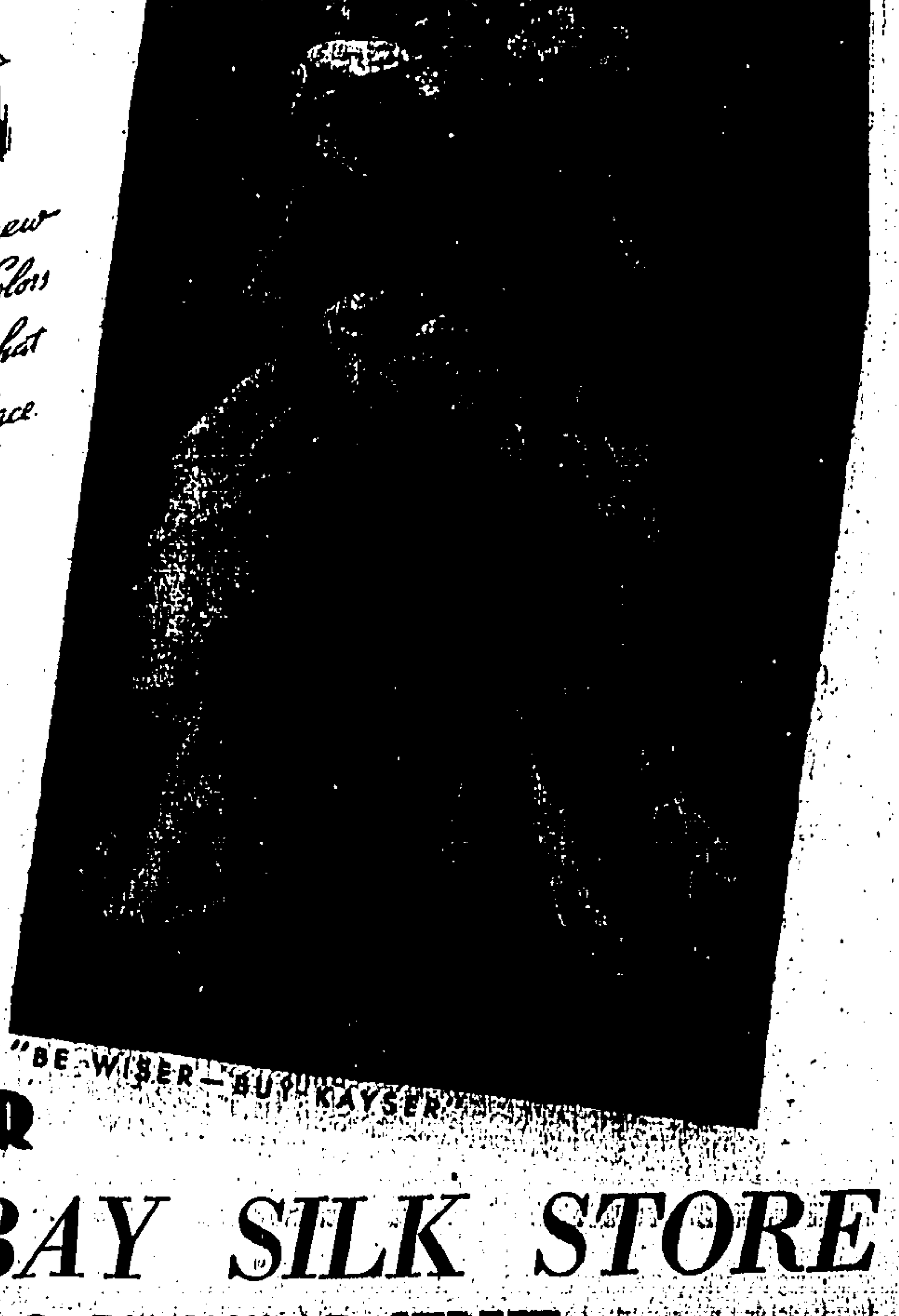

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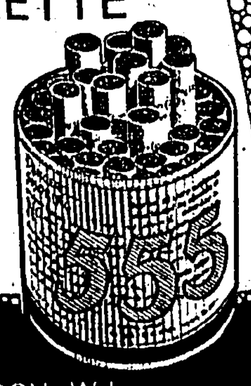

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DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

The official German press, just before German troops invaded Austria, labelled the Schuschnigg Government's plan for a national plebiscite as anything but democratic. It was, the press declared, no fair test of the opinion of the nation. Even Nazis, it was suggested, would be forced to vote "yes" to the Government's request for an expression of approval, or otherwise, of its policies. The German argument will not impress neutrals that the corrective steps taken by Herr Hitler were exactly in accord with the accepted idea of democracy. Nor is it by any means proved by the German declaration that the Austrian plebiscite would have been the tragi-comedy they stigmatised it. Conditions had not reached the same state in Austria three days ago that they had when the Nazis came to power in Berlin. There was unrest and discontent, to be sure. But they arose from quarrels which were by no means hopeless; and left to her own devices there is every reason to believe that Austria would have solved them in time, for Austrians are practical and well-balanced people, much like the German themselves. Whatever the excuses, however Herr Hitler's action is explained or justified in Germany, the world which knows the meaning of democracy will not condone it. Because there is a squabble in a neighbour's home that is no reason for interference by friends or relatives if intercession is not wanted.

While it is to be hoped that the crisis has been safely passed and that no new aggravating incidents will be added to the tension of Europe, the Austrian coup will not be readily forgotten, particularly by Germany's neighbour states. It has done nothing to alleviate the ever-present and recently growing fear that boundaries will be upset by ambitious powers in defiance of treaty and pact and protestations of peaceful intentions. The fact that Germany marched over a frontier and took the risk of war, remote as it may have been, leaves one with the uneasy feeling that the olive branch which has been nourished by Berlin's ministers might wither overnight.

We shall not try to probe the ethics of the German seizure of Austria, for that is what it amounts to. It is well-known that many millions of the Austrian people are Germans by blood and that they have claims of kinship which encourage the desire for the protection, political and economic, which union with the powerful Fatherland brings to them. At the same time there is another vast number of persons, not Germans, who have no desire for that union; have even fought the idea of "anschluss." How much more will they detest the fact of government from Berlin! It will be interesting, in view of Germany's demands for considerate treatment of German minorities elsewhere, to see how she treats the non-German "minority" in Austria, which, when it comes right down to it, is probably a large majority—but now a politically voiceless one. People like the unfortunate Dr. Schuschnigg will probably be asked to leave. Still less fortunate political opponents will possibly spend a good few of their days in prison. And yet the German press has talked of un-democratic government in Vienna!

WHAT NEXT in CENTRAL EUROPE?

EVENTS during the week-end have opened a new chapter in the history of one of Europe's oldest and most complicated problems—the question of Austria.

That country owes its importance to geography. The Danube Valley is the main artery of travel or invasion from east to west in Europe, and across the head of it, where Austria lies, run the chief European communications from north to south.

Vienna stands at the greatest cross-roads of the whole continent.

From the beginnings of history people have been streaming to and fro over Austrian territory.

The Romans marched down the Danube in one direction; 1,000 years later the Turks came marching up it in the other; caravans of mediaeval German traders from the north there met companies of priests and scholars setting out from Italy.

With so much movement along and across it, the Valley of the Danube gradually became a very cosmopolitan place. Slavs, Teutons, and Magyars live there not only in close proximity but mixed up each with the others. Pre-war Austria - Hungary counted a dozen races and as many tongues.

Until 20 years ago this political jigsaw puzzle had been under the sovereign authority first of the Holy Roman Empire and then of its successor, the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Statesmen who looked into the Central European question had always made up their minds that it was too dangerous to touch.

Harassed Area

AT the end of the Great War a bolder spirit prevailed. President Wilson had launched the magic slogan of "self-determination," and by a series of minor treaties, drafted by the "second strings" of the Peace Conference and signed in various suburbs of Paris, the old Austro-Hungarian Empire was split up into much-disputed racial fractions.

Since then Central Europe has been a harassed area where unredressed grievances, unsatisfied ambitions, and ancient enmities have flourished exceedingly. Everyone wants to remake the shattered jigsaw puzzle in his own way.

The isolation of the German core of the former heterogeneous Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the precarious existence it has since led as an economically unbalanced State of 6,000,000 inhabitants, have aroused in Germany a strong desire to take this impoverished fragment of the German race into closer association.

That desire is shared by many people in Austria who see the probability of better conditions for themselves and their country as part of the reinvigorated German Reich.

Twice, indeed, has Austria publicly declared for such a union—by a plebiscite at the end of 1918, and by an agreement concluded in 1931 to abolish Customs duties between the two countries. On both occasions the former Allied Powers prevented the fulfilment of these measures.

With the access of the National Socialists to power in Germany, under an Austrian-born Leader, the urge to join up the two countries, or at least to create between them the link of sympathetic and like-thinking Governments, such as unites the British Commonwealth of Nations, has become stronger.

Two things have so far delayed the realisation of these aims—the failure of the premature effort of the Austrian Nazis in July 1934 to achieve them by force, and the reluctance of Italy, Germany's new ally, to see the direct influence of the German Government extended right down to her own frontier, whose threshold is occupied by 200,000 Austro-Germans annexed against their will.

German-Speaking

BUT Germany still maintains the purpose of amalgamation, or at least a working agreement, with Austria in the forefront of her foreign programme. It has more than a sentimental and economic attraction for her.

Partnership between Germany and Austria would give the former Power an enveloping position with regard to Czecho-Slovakia, in whose north-western corner live 3,500,000 people of German blood and speech, restive under Czech rule.

"First bring Austria under our wing; then demand autonomy for the German minority of Czecho-Slovakia"—those two resolves are written in bold characters upon the agenda of the Nazi Government.

All Europe is Watching

AUSTRIA'S New KEY MEN

By F. W. Memory

TO-DAY all eyes are turned towards Vienna. They are focused on Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austria's 41-years-old Chancellor, and the men he has called to the Council Chamber.

These are the men of the hour—and of some of them the world knows nothing.

The one who will bear the brunt of everything is Von Schuschnigg himself—the man who looks like a country schoolmaster, but as a politician and patriot has few equals in Europe.

He has been Chancellor, or, as we should say, Prime Minister, ever since Dollfuss was assassinated in 1934, and in the troubled years that have passed has stood solidly and stolidly for Austrian independence.

An Austrian First

A PROFESSED Royalist, he has publicly stated that the happiest day of his life will be when the Hapsburgs again occupy the Throne of Austria. But that is a possibility which, as the result of the events of the last few days, has receded into the dim future.

Von Schuschnigg has always had behind him the Fatherland (or Patriotic) Front, but the suggestion now comes from Vienna that the loyalty of this powerful organisation has been shaken by the amnesty granted to those who took part in the 1934 putsch and the assassination of Dollfuss.

It is only during the last few days that the name of Dr. von Seyss-Inquart, the new Minister of the Interior and Security, has been on everyone's lips. He sprang into the fierce limelight when it became known that on his appointment, which carried with it control of the police, hung the fate of Austria.

He is by no means a Nazi—a Pan-German yes, but he is an Austrian first.

In 1925 he founded the Austro-German People's League, but it was not until last year that he became a State Counsellor.

Earlier he came under the influence of Dr. Dollfuss, and on the day that the "Pocket Chancellor" was assassinated he had an appointment with him which, if it had taken place, might have brought Seyss-Inquart, now 46, into the political limelight long before this.

As it is, he has been working behind the scenes, doing his utmost to compose Austro-German differences.

Always has he had the confidence of Herr Schuschnigg, for he has made no secret of his conviction that Austria should remain an independent State.

The trouble was the demand from across the frontier that he should be given the key position of Minister of the Interior and Security, with control of the police, and the ingenious solution of this problem brings into prominence another figure—Dr. Michael Skubl, who was Director of Security in the old Government, enjoying the complete confidence of Schuschnigg and all the Fatherland Front.

The Police Chief

IN the recent reshuffle Skubl became Under-Secretary to Seyss-Inquart, who nominally controls the police, but it was Skubl who was given the new office of Inspector-General of all police and gendarmerie forces. That means he not only actually commands the police in Vienna but throughout Austria as well.

It is an arrangement which apparently satisfies everyone and leaves the effective command of the police much "as you were."

Michael Skubl is one of the "old men" of the new Cabinet, for he was born in 1877, and although described as a Civil Servant, has been a policeman all his career.

Next key man is Dr. Guido Schmidt, to-day, at 37, the youngest Foreign Minister in Europe, giving our own Anthony Eden four years. He began his diplomatic career as an attache to the Austrian Legation in Paris in 1924. He is not a Nazi, but he has distinct German leanings, and is one of the men whom Berlin insisted should be included in the Cabinet—not a very difficult behest for Schuschnigg to concede, for the two have been friends since they were at a Jesuit college together.

Note he was the only Austrian to accompany the Austrian Chancellor to the fateful interview at Berchtesgaden last Saturday.

Above, Dr. Michael Skubl; right, Dr. Guido Schmidt.

Left, Dr. Von Seyss-Inquart

Tall and slender, with rather ascetic features, Schmidt is by way of being a Beau Brummell. He dresses elegantly, loves the life of the Waltz City, and is never so happy as when at the Opera. Make no mistake, however, there is no keener brain in Vienna.

Married to a beautiful woman of Italian descent, Schmidt has two children and lives with his father-in-law.

Here, then, is the line-up of Austria's three new key men under Chancellor Schuschnigg:

Seyss-Inquart, nominee of Berlin, expected perhaps to show favour to Nazi organisations.

Neutralising him, the sage, policeman-cum-politician Skubl, who has been fighting the Nazis for years, and knows all their secrets—or should do.

Guido Schmidt, the only one of the three with an untrammelled hand—but a friend of Schuschnigg, and proud, very proud, to be an Austrian.

BRAG—AND WIN

It is a pity that boastfulness is regarded in this country as one of the unpardonable sins. A man may know he is good at something, he may prove it to his own satisfaction and that of the world in general, but let him be even suspected of putting the thought into words, and immediately he becomes an outcast.

In the good old days, before the pen became mightier than the sword, the man who did not brag of his own achievements and extol his own prowess soon found himself despised and neglected. The gallant knights who sat at King Arthur's Round Table were braggards to a man. All their fights were, by their own account, against vastly bigger and stronger opponents, and usually they were outnumbered by at least three to one.

The Middle Ages, the Age of Chivalry, was also an Age of Brag. You wore your lady's glove or scarf on your helm as a perpetual challenge to all comers that you were willing to prove by force of arms that she exceeded in beauty and virtue the girl friend of any other knight. And without any provocation whatever you waxed eloquent on the subject of the lady's charms and your own skill in upholding them.

IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY

To come to more recent years, the bloods of the Regency period not only had an excellent opinion of themselves, but had no hesitation in announcing it to the world at large. Even as lately as the middle of the Victorian era an Englishman assumed with a delightful lack of humility that he was more than the equal of three men of any other nation on earth.

What is more, he based all his actions on that assumption; and got away with them.

Ask me what quality has made England what she is, and, without hesitation, I answer "brag!" Nor am I being cynical or sarcastic when I say it. For psychologically brag is an excellent thing.

Because boasting is the subject of a taboo, we have to be careful what we brag about, but it is very amusing to the psychologist to study some of the devices we employ to get round the convention.

For instance, the man who claimed to be a daring and skilful motorist, and was in addition such a skilled engineer that he could get more miles an hour out of his engine than the makers ever put into it, would be regarded by his fellow-men with the gravest distaste. So he claims no credit for himself, but sings the praises of his "old bus."

He tells of amazing average speeds over incredible distances. He chants of vast numbers of miles to the gallon. He speaks with bated breath of the frequent occasions on which the speedometer needle touches eighty. And he is not a whit abashed when, doddling along at a steady forty-five, we invariably pass him with ease.

GOOD SWORD EXCALIBUR

Just as the knights of old had swords with magic properties enabling them to hew down all opposition, so the modern sportsman gives most of the credit to some marvellous bat, club, or racket. There is not, after all, so very much difference between King Arthur's "Excalibur" and Bobby Jones's "Calamity Jane."

There is no need to be ashamed of these harmless gasconades. Quite the reverse, in fact. If there is any merit at all in us, boasting keys us up to give of our best. The motor-

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G-MEN WANT SIX FUGITIVES

American Federal Police Clean Up Vice

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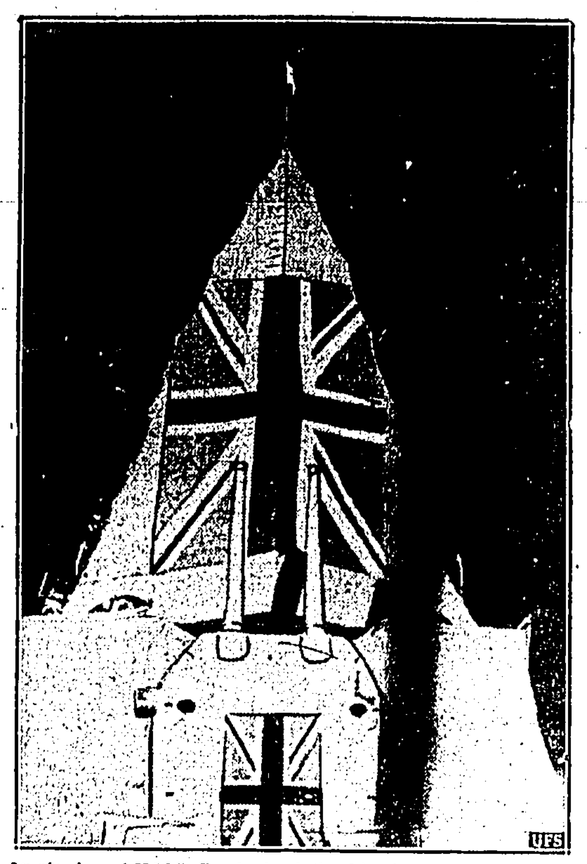

An air view of H.M.S. Cumberland, flagship of the China Squadron showing huge Union Jacks painted on the decks for protection against air raids. The ship is now in Hongkong and, like most ships of foreign nationality, employs this method to warn warring aviators that it is a non-combatant.

Two Men Public Enemy No. 1

By FRANK McNAUGHTON
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, Jan. 26.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation calling the roll of "public enemies," found that only six men classed as major desperadoes are still at large.

Leading the six are Louis Buchalter, 40, and Jacob Shapiro, 41, named by Hoover as the head of various New York "rackets." The government is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to their capture.

They were reported to have been under arrest once in South Dakota, and by posing as "magazine salesmen" outwitted the sheriff. They were allowed to post small bonds on a minor charge, and fled, according to the Dakota sheriff.

Hoover said that they once had from 200 to 500 "strong arm men and gunmen" to enforce their decrees on legitimate industry.

CALLED BIG RACKETEERS

According to the director they were involved in the operation of a far-flung system of dog tracks and slot machines. He said they seized control of the $85,000,000 fur dressing industry, garment manufacturing establishments, and trucking businessness through "protective associations" which they organized.

They also were involved in "strike breaking and labour coercion," according to Hoover.

Both have prison records.

Next on Hoover's list is Irving Charles Chapman, 39, "one of the most clever and dangerous bank robbers in the country." Chapman escaped from the Eustham, Tex., prison farm while serving 25 years on a kidnapping charge. The break was led by the notorious Roy (Pete) Traxler, who was wounded and captured a few days later by Frank Denton, Oklahoma oilfield pumper whom he had kidnapped.

The fourth "public enemy" is Maurice Denning, 30, wanted in Iowa for robbery of the First National Bank at Hawarden, of $2,113. He is also wanted in other robberies, Hoover said.

NAMED IN 12 BANK ROBBERIES

Arnold Thomas Kyle, 28, and his brother-in-law, Joseph Paul Cretzer, 28, complete the list.

According to the bureau of investigation director, they are wanted in connection with robberies in Oregon, Nevada and California. They once lived "in luxury" as "honest business men" in Los Angeles, Hoover said. Seven bank robberies have been traced to Cretzer and five directly to Kyle, Hoover said.

One or more "unknown identity" criminals still are the object of an intensive search by Hoover's agents. They are the men who kidnapped and murdered young Charles Mattson, son of Dr. W. W. Mattson, of Tacoma, Wash. This kidnapping is the only major abduction case still unsolved.

The most recent triumph of Hoover's bureau of G-men was the arrest of Peter Anders, who confessed kidnapping and slaying Charles Ross, Chicago manufacturer. Anders, a young man of 30, was arrested on January 14 at the Santa Anita race track near Los Angeles where he had been trailed through bills from the $50,000 ransom he collected from Ross' family.

LONG TRAIL FOLLOWED

Federal agents followed the trail of ransom bills to Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Miami, Fla., New Orleans and finally to Los Angeles.

In addition to clearing up the Ross case, federal agents in the past few months also have eliminated two gangs.

At Houston, Tex., Alva Dewey Hunt and his brother-in-law, Hugh Grant, named by Hoover as participants in eight bank robberies in Southeastern states, were arrested recently. They are to be tried on bank robbery charges in Florida. Hoover said their hideout was found near Jackson, Miss.

At Sanford, N. C., federal agents captured William Payne and John Washington Turner, both regarded as dangerous characters. They are to be tried at Asheville, N. C., on charges of killing George C. Penn, state highway patrolman.

Says Mae West Done Him Wrong

New York.

Someone came up to see Mae West to-day—someone with news that, on the heels of a pending plagiarism suit, Mark Linder, a writer, is suing her and Paramount for £200,000, alleging she done him wrong.

Mr. Linder alleges breach of contract and conspiracy in connection with her 1934 film, "She Done Him Wrong."

This is, in fact, another instalment of Trouble that has dogged Mae ever since she appeared as Eve to Don Ameche's Adam in a radio comedy entitled "Adam and Eve" on December 12.

Mr. Linder says that he wrote a small play which he and Mae West agreed to copyright under the title "Diamond Lil." They were to share the royalties.

He adds that later he was persuaded to sell his interest for £5,000. The film netted Mae West £68,000, while Paramount's profits were £800,000.

MAE WEST'S VOICE

The plagiarism suit is one in which Joan Strong, the writer, claims £2,000 against Mae West in connection with the "Adam and Eve" radio.

She says that the skit was lifted from her play "Love and Apple Sauce," and her lawyer states: "She thought she had a clean play until she heard it over the radio."

The *Tablet*, a Roman Catholic paper published in Brooklyn, described the skit as "a cheap travesty on the Garden of Eden, with the notorious Mae West in the feature role."

Epithets hurled at the piece, which, many confessed, they heard without a blush, were "profane, obscene, indecent, vulgar, filthy, sexy."

The Legion of Decency, a Roman Catholic organisation which watches that films are fit to be seen by members of the Church, described the skit as of "low character."

A Roman Catholic college in New York said: "We cannot see why Mae West should be permitted to pollute the sacred shades of the home, the last bulwark against modern overemphasis on sensuality."

The skit revealed Adam cool towards Eve until the sneak came along and gave Eve an apple, from which she made apple sauce. The general impression is that Mae West's voice gave more meaning to the lines than they originally bore.

Nude Girl Splashes Mud at Art Show

Paris.

SMARTLY dressed women splashed with mud by a nude actress swathed in chains . . . .

A woman in a torn nightdress screaming on a luxurious bed . . . . .

These were among the amazing sights at the opening here to-day of the International Surrealist Exhibition, one of the most fantastic collections of pictures and objects ever seen.

The Surrealists claim that they try to "bring the sub-conscious to the surface"; they have brought up some very peculiar things indeed.

More than 3,000 men and women, many well known in Paris society, attended the opening, and police had to be rushed there to control the excited throng.

COAL-SACKS CEILING

Beautiful unclothed wax models decorated with little metal spoons, a broken egg, a saucepan and oil stove, mushrooms, bottles, and an illuminated sheep's skull, lined the entrance corridor. Each weird figure was said to symbolise an imaginary Paris street.

The bewildered guests passed on into the dimly-lit "nightmare room," which was strewn with dead leaves and covered by a ceiling of coal sacks.

Against the walls were a number of luxurious beds, decked in canary coloured satin. Screams of horror and confused cries poured through the gloom from a hidden gramophone.

"This represents a confused dream," said a Surrealist. "These [illegible] the rough lest-strewn room express the manner in which the sleeper often imagines he is being carried to another place."

A pool of water fringed with pampas grass lay beside one bed. There it was that the closely packed guests witnessed an almost incredible demonstration. From the sheets leapt a beautiful actress, Helene Vanel, with chains tied round her nude body.

A moment later she was splashing frenziedly in the pool, kicking the muddy water over the exquisite dresses of the startled women.

"That's realism, at any rate," chuckled a cynical man, standing well out of the way of the water.

Slums Can Wipe Out A Mighty City

New York.

SLUM conditions threaten to wipe out the population of America at a rate comparable with the decline in the Red Indian population, declares Professor Elsie Viault Steedman, of Hunter College, New York.

A decline in population is predicted by Professor Steedman if conditions in the slums are not improved.

"Slum conditions of to-day are comparable with those of the prehistoric south-west, as shown in a recent anthropological study," Dr. Steedman said.

OUR TENEMENTS

"Our prehistoric south-west Indians, living under conditions comparable to slum conditions to-day, suffered such a decrease.

"Their great communal houses, analagous to our tenements, lacked sanitation, water supply, light, and ventilation, and were greatly overcrowded.

"This may be a warning to us to rectify present conditions before we too suffer population decreases."—B.U.P.

FLIER TELLS OF FINDING GREAT WATERFALL

NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY WHITE MEN

New York.

In a skyscraper office high above Wall Street, Mr. "Jimmy" Angell, the famous American flier who has just returned to New York from Central America, told me to-day about his discovery of the world's highest waterfall in the heart of Venezuela, says a correspondent.

I gave the first details of the waterfall in *The Daily Telegraph* and *Morning Post* in my message on Monday, when a letter was received from Mr. Angell.

Near the Brazilian frontier, Mr. Angell told me recently, there stretches 400 miles of wilderness, inhabited only by a few scattered tribes of semi-civilised Indians and virtually inaccessible except by aeroplane. This region was explored centuries ago by Jesuit missionaries and Spanish conquistadores, whose rough maps still exist.

The district remained isolated for many decades, however, and it was not until a few years ago, when the quest for oil sent exploring parties into the jungle, that fliers discovered uncharted mountains and a tableland, called Mount Auyantepuy, standing 8,000ft high.

This tableland, which covers an area of about 300 square miles, had never been penetrated by white men. From it flows the world's highest waterfall to drop 6,000ft sheer from the top to a plain below.

'PLANE DRENCHED

Long-range photographs in Mr. Angell's possession clearly show the waterfall cascading from the tableland. He flew so close, he said, that the machine was drenched with spray.

In landing on top of the mountain his machine became bogged, and he and his wife had to make their way down as best they could on foot to an emergency camp, from where a Venezuelan Government 'plane finally rescued them.

Mr. Angell, who is employed in gold prospecting, will return in a few weeks in another 'plane to continue his explorations.

WANT NO POSTS FROM JAPANESE

Shunghai, Mar. 12.

To avoid offers of posts in Shanghai or Nanking, Dr. Alfred Sze, former Ambassador to the United States, will shortly leave here for Hongkong *en route* to Europe.

Mr. Tang Shao-yi, who is urged to become a leading official in a new puppet regime, will also soon leave Shanghai. He is now staying in the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Chu Chang-nien, in French town.—*Reuter's National.*

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John Cathedral.

12.30 Terence Casey at the Organ.

In a Clock Store (Orth); In A Bird Store (Lake)....Organ of the Regent Cinema, Brighton; Wedding Of The Parades; Parade Of The Weddings . . Organ of the Regent Cinema, Brighton.

12.40 Hawaiian Music.

Samoan Love Song—Hawaiian Novelty (From, 'Taboo'); Love Song Of Tahiti—Hawaiian Novelty (From, 'Mutiny on the Bounty')....Andy Iona and His Islanders with Vocal Chorus; Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting); Rock Me In A Cradle of Kalua (Wending)....Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio; Nohea I Muolau Lani ....Andy Iona and His Islanders with Vocal Refrain; Haleiwa (Woodd) ....Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians.

1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Marek Weber (Orchestra) and Herbert Groh (Tenor).

Suite Orientale (Popy)....Orchestra; Tiny Tot (Fisher, Lotter)....Orchestra; Vienna Blood—Selection (Joh. Strauss-Leon-Stein)....Maria Hester (Soprano), Herbert Groh (Tenor), Max Schipper (Tenor) with Chorus & Orchestra; Potpourri of Waltzes (Robrecht)....Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 New Variety Programme.

Dance Orch.—Once In A While—Slow Fox-Trot (Green Edwards); Giannina Mia—Waltz (From 'Firefly')....Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Humorous—A Lot Of Nonsense....Murray and Mooney with Piano; Dance Orch—Nice Work If You Can Get It—Fox-Trot; A Foggy Day—Fox Trot (from 'Damsel in Distress')....Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Orpheans with Vocal Chorus; Dance Music—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home—Waltz (Noel-Pelosi); So Many Memories—Fox-Trot (Woods)....Billy Thorburn and His Music with Vocal Refrain; Tango Orch.—Milonguita—Tango (Delfino-Lining); Carino Gaucho—Tango (Canaro-Demare-Paiva)....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

2.15 Close Down.

8.03-11.0 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Swingin' the Jinx away; (b) Cotton; (c) Little Old Lady; (d) Midnight Music.

5.15 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Nice work if you can get it; (b) I'm walking thru Heaven with you; (c) Rose Room; (d) High Society.

5.35 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

5.40 (a) When I dream of Old Vienna; (b) Have you got any Castles Baby?; (c) You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; (d) Ebb Tide.

5.55 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

6.0 (a) The Champagne Waltz; (b) Your eyes have told me so; (c) An Old Fashioned Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

6.20 (a) My Cabin Of Dreams; (b) Pagan Love Song; (c) Make A Wish.

6.30 For The Children.

Nursery Tunes....Played by Little Mayfair Orchestra; Water, Water, Wallflower (arr. Chalmers Wood); The Mulberry Bush (arr. Chalmers Wood)....Chalmers Wood's Orchestra with vocal refrain; Ferdie Bear ....Told by Rose Fyleman. Singer; Winifred Bury; Piano; Thomas Dunhill.

6.45 London Relay—'Fact Or Fiction: Unicorns'.

An enquiry into their existence, supported by past beliefs and superstitions, and supplemented by such data as human ingenuity and scientific research have from time to time provided. Written by Rayner Heppenstall, produced by John Pudney.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.20 Brahms Songs.

Wiegenlied (Lullaby) Op. 49, No. 4; Immer Leiser Wird Mein Schlummer Op. 105, No. 2....Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano); Erinnerung, Op. 63, No. 2; Von Ewiger Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1....Alexander Kipnis (Boss); Gerald Moore (Piano).

7.30 Cesar Franck—Violin and Piano Sonata.

Sonata In A Major....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.08 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Po Hing Theatre.

11.0 Close Down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Eric Coates—'Four Ways Suite' & March.

Played by New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis; London Bridge March....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.

8.23 Variety—Light Orchestral & Vocal.

Organ Solo—Jan Kiepura Film Melodies ('My Song for you,' 'My Heart is Calling,' 'I love them all,' 'Tell me to-night'....Marcel Paiotti; Piano Solo—Please Remember (Denby-Watson); My Gypsy Dream Girl (from 'Command Performance')....Leslie Hutchinson; Piano & Drum Music—Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase); Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton-Kaye)....Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two pianos with drums; Dance Orch—Pancho's Widow (from 'Dodge City Trail'); Even A Crooner Must Eat (South-O'Connor-Phillips)....Max Baser with Orchestra; Vocal—Over [illegible] (from 'It's love again')....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra accomp.; Piano Solo—Damsel In Distress—Selection; Medley . . . . Patricia Rossborough.

9.0 London Relay—'Empire Exchange.'

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

The Voice Of The Bells (Luigini, arr. Miller); Tarantelle De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Godfrey); Sousa Marches On....Cond. by Major George Miller.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Gracie Fields.

Why Did I Have To Meet You? (From 'Queen of Hearts'); Do You Remember My First Love Song (From 'Queen of Hearts'); Look Up And Laugh—Medley.

10.0 [illegible]

'Two Old Women'; Walsh and Barker, American duettists; A Surprise Item and Van Straten And His Band.

10.30 New Dance Music.

Orchestra—After All These Years—Fox-Trot; Picture Me In Paradise—Fox-Trot....Mantovani and His Orchestra; Orchestra—City Of A Million Dreams—Tango Fox-Trot; Viennese Romance—Waltz....Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five; Orchestra—Swing Is Here To Sway—Quickstep (from 'Ali Baba goes to Town'); Got A New Pair Of Shoes—Slow Fox-Trot (From 'Thoroughbreds don't cry')....Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Orchestra—Home Again Blues—Quickstep; Pop Corn Man—Fox-Trot....Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Orchestra—Bluebirds On Broadway—Fox-Trot (From the film) [illegible]

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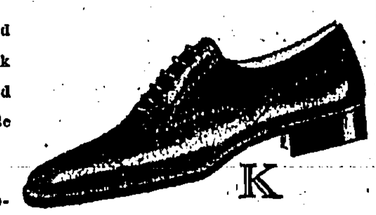

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ARMY SURPRISES CHINESE IN LAI WAH CUP FINAL

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MANY PLAYERS INJURED IN THRILLING MATCH

(By "Abe")

The greatest blunder committed by the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup football final played on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay yesterday was in under-estimating their opponents, the Army. They paid the penalty for the blunder, for the military players won the game by four goals to three after being two goals down at one stage in the first half. The Army thus retains the trophy.

The side fielded by the Chinese was probably the worst they have sent out in a representative match during the present season; the half-backs were weak, with the exception of Leung Wing-chiu in the centre, and the forwards were ragged, with very little cohesion in the line throughout. The customary snap in the attack was definitely lacking. Fung King-cheung's presence would probably have infused the necessary life into it, but he is still on the injured list and could not play.

On the other hand, the Army men rose to the occasion one and all and well-deserved their victory. They played better as a team, and their forwards too were far more dangerous in front of goal than their opposite numbers.

If scientific football was often absent in this match, the many thrills seen and the fast pace set by both teams more than made up for it.

ARMY SUPERIOR MIDFIELD

Usually so dominating in midfield, the Chinese gave up this superiority to the Army and the half-backs for more than three-quarters of the game concentrated in defence. As a result, Freshwater, Bright and Proctor gained an advantage which they did not fully earn, and consequently they were able to give more support to the forwards than they would otherwise have done.

With this help, the Army forwards swept down on the Chinese goal time and again in the early stages of the game, and only the dogged defence of the Chinese and their own wild shooting prevented them from scoring. Neither Leung In-chan, on the right, nor Lo Wai-kuen, on the left, was able to hold the Army wingers, who were thus able to send dangerous crosses to their inside-men almost at will. Hard-pressed throughout, Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang were far below their usual standard; almost always their clearances were haphazard and very often weak. Lee Tin-sang attempted to take a leaf out of the Islington Corinthians' book passing back to the goal-keeper, but he has not yet mastered the art and was fortunate yesterday in not conceding a goal through his erratic back-passes.

Of the Chinese defenders, only Tam Kwan-kon, in goal, and Leung Wing-chiu, at centre-half, distinguished themselves. The former pulled down many high shots, and the latter was a hard-working half.

CHINESE TAKE LEAD

Rather against the run of play, the Chinese took the lead after 30 minutes through Chan Tak-fai, who slammed the ball into the net past a crowd of players in the goal-mouth. Within five minutes the Chinese were two up when Watson, in a race for the ball with Hau Ching-to, had the bad luck to put the ball into his own goal past the advancing Duncan.

On the run of play the Chinese definitely did not deserve this lead. Their forwards failed to show any understanding, relying too much on hefty kicking, which was successfully countered by the fine head-work of the Army defenders. Chan Tak-fai and Lai Shiu-wing tried hard to pull the line together, but Hau Ching-to was obviously handicapped by an old injury which was aggravated by a collision which he had with Watson, and Lee Tack-kee was a poor substitute for Fung King-cheung. Yeung Shui-yick was too well-marked by Proctor and Sheehan to be dangerous, though he evaded them long enough in the second half to score a fine goal.

Strangely enough, it took two reverses to shake up the Army forwards. Like hounds unleashed, they took the ball down Chinese territory and before the half-time whistle came they had already drawn level. The first was a gem of a header by Pearson, banging the ball past Tam Kwan-kon.

NEVER LOOKED BACK

The Army players, once they had drawn level, never looked back. Even when Bright was injured and had to leave the field for attention, they kept on pressure, playing as well with ten men as with eleven. In fact it was when Bright was out of the play that Pearson snapped up a pass and gave the Army the lead with a right-footed drive in the penalty area.

Excitement ran high when the Chinese, in one of their few raids, equalised. Hau Ching-to was in a good position to score, but though Duncan got his hand to the shot he was unable to clear and Yeung Shui-yick ran in to score.

The Army attacked continually for the remainder of the match, and ten minutes from the end they were rewarded when Saw received a fine pass from Grogan and calmly put the ball into the net from close in.

The Army fully deserved their win. As a team they combined together with better understanding than their opponents, and in defence Watson and Sheehan seemed safer than Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang—high praise indeed when it is realised how long the Chinese backs have played together. As stated before, the Army halves completely dominated midfield play. Until his injury, Bright was the outstanding intermediate and was given fine support by Freshwater and Proctor. The forwards were well-led by Pearson, whose headwork was a feature of the game. Both McGuigan and Saw displayed clever football and fed their respective wings well. Grogan and Calvert found their task easier on account of the weakness of the Chinese wing-halves, but the shooting of the latter was erratic. On several occasions he would probably have done better to centre than to shoot when he had only a very acute angle at the goal.

FINE TEAM WORK

The success of the Army was not due so much to individual brilliance as to fine team-work.

As only to be expected in a game played at such a great pace, there were a lot of hard knocks, many players receiving injuries in the course of the game. Those who had to receive attention off the field were Hau Ching-to, Bright and Yeung Shui-yick. The last-named appeared to be seriously hurt in the closing stages, but he returned to the game with his head bandaged.

Teams:

Army.—Duncan; Watson, Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright, Proctor; Grogan, McGuigan, Pearson, Saw and Calvert.

Chinese.—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Leung In-chan, Leung Wing-chiu, Lo Wai-kuen; Yeung Shui-yick, Lee Tack-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

The Army football team, photographed yesterday with the Lai Wah Cup which they retained by beating the Chinese by four goals to three on the Navy ground at Cause way Bay. Front Row (left to right):—Bright, McGuigan, Saw, Calvert. Middle Row:—Grogan, Pearson, Sheehan and Watson (captain). Back Row:—Freshwater, Duncan and Proctor. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

COLONY TENNIS TOURNEY

Championships To Resume To-day

After two interruptions last week, the Colony Tennis Championships will be resumed this afternoon when three singles and three doubles matches will be decided.

H. D. Rumjahn, holder of the singles title, will be in action to-day against S. A. Hussain, a prominent player from the Kowloon Indian T.C., and should get through to the third round fairly comfortably.

The other two ties in the singles promise some even play, but neither game will probably be of any great consequence to the championship.

The doubles matches may provide the best fare of the day. Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong, who showed convincing form in their opening match against W. A. Land and A. Warr, will be up against another Army pair, Major L. A. Newnham and Major F. T. Baines. A win for Kong and Lee is indicated.

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, a very steady Chinese combination, meet Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson, while J. W. Leonard and George Choa, of the Craigengower C.C., will clash with G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford. If all four players are on form, the last-named tie may produce some sparkling tennis.

The following is the programme:

Open Singles.—S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes; T. A. Pearce v. T. C. Monaghan; S. A. Hussain v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Open Doubles.—F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson; J. W. Leonard and G. Choa v. G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford; Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong v. Major L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines.

Club Handicap Doubles.—E. E. Story and N. L. H. Railton (-4/6) v. R. K. Valetine and A. C. I. Bowker (-5/6); R. M. M. King and J. P. Murphy (scr.) v. T. E. Wheble and J. A. Douglas (-3/6); J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson (-3/6) v. W. Woodings and E. Laidlaw (scr.).

HOCKEY MATCH DRAWN

Macao Held By Army Team

Our Own Correspondent

Macao, Mar. 13.

The most thrilling match of the season was witnessed here this afternoon by a large crowd when the scratch Army hockey selection engaged the Macao eleven in a friendly encounter. The stiff engagement resulted with each side securing two goals apiece.

Both teams were in fine form and exchanges were very even to begin with. In a determined onslaught by the local forwards three minutes from the outset, Lyle took a fast shot at the Army goal but the ball went wide of Dobson.

As play proceeded, the Army half back line, working in splendid combination, was pretty to watch. A neat pass from Partab, the Army left-winger, enabled Gopal Ram at centre to open the score with a fine shot from close range.

Shortly after, in a speedy raid on the visitors' goal, Alex Airosa, Macao's centre-half, put in a fast shot which was disallowed however, owing to a foul.

As the Army pressed to the attack, a fine individual movement by Douglass, inside-right, was witnessed as he made his way right through the opposition, but Lammert coming behind at top speed, arrested him from swerving into position to shoot and Ferreira, right back, then cleared neatly.

Trying hard to equalise, Macao's forwards rushed upon the enemy citadel, but the short corner awarded did not produce result. The local side played as a team, and in repeating attacks, kept the ball well in the visitors' territory most of the time and things looked pretty hot for the Army whose defence was obliged to keep a strict vigilance. Ghulam Rassul, left-back, cleared smartly, while his right partner, Lt. Gorman, did his full share of work. Another short corner found Dobson well on the alert and he cleared easily.

MISSED CHANCES

The Army left flank was very dangerous to the home goal with Lt. Chattey and Partab working in close co-operation with Gopal Ram. However, a long corner secured against Macao failed to improve the score.

Before the interval, another concerted attempt by Macao from the left flank was fouled owing to "sticks," following which Lt. Godby, Army outside right, took up the ball, passed to Chattey who missed by inches. Once again, Macao all but equalised when R. Angelo passed to Ramalho at centre who evaded Gorman and drove a fast shot which Dobson's eagerness to intercept caused him to fall with the ball coming safely to rest between his knees. Macao had a narrow escape when Godby centred from the right wing and both Gopal Ram and Partab missed the chance.

Macao evened the score only one minute after resumption with a spectacular goal when Ramalho passed to Lyle who drove a perfect shot into the net. The Army were again in danger when following a short corner, Lyle's ball hit the post and Ramalho hitting off the rebound sent the ball just out of goal.

A further ten minutes elapsed and Nolasco at right, passed to Ramalho who being in a good position, put Macao in the ascendancy with a neat shot. Undeterred, the Army halfs fed the forwards, Land, at pivot, displayed amazing coolness throughout. His precision at placing was fine and his reach enabled him to rob the opposing forwards. Five minutes later Godby passed to Gopal Ram who evened the score. Before the close of play, a swift pass by Land, enabled Partab to get past the opposition and excitement was high when he had only Almada at goal before him. It was hard lines for the Army when Partab fouled with his stick.

ARMY PLAYED WELL

All the Army players showed fine mettle, and never hang on too long to the ball, but most of the credit belongs to Dobson at goal. Rassul, Land and Wetton in the defence, and Godby, Gopal Ram and Chattery in attack.

For Macao the seasoned players were well in their own. However, the younger bloods surpassed themselves. Ferreira at back, and R. Angelo, inside left, showed many clever movements, and Lylo showed dependability and was always menacing to the opposition. Alex Airosa's stickwork was excellent.

Army.—Dobson; Lt. Gorman, Ghulam Rassul; Wetton, Land, Nardina Ram; Lt. Godby, Lt. Douglass, Gopal Ram, Lt. Ghattey, Partab.

Macao.—Almada; Ferreira, Lammert; Albert-Airosa, Alex Airosa, Costa; Nolasco, Lyle, Ramalho, R. Angelo, A. Angelo.

Badminton Semi-Finals This Evening

Hui-Au Tie Promises Fine Play

Some fine play is likely to be seen in the semi-finals of the Men's Singles Badminton Championship of the Colony to be played at the Taikoo R. C. court this evening.

P. H. Wong, the holder, will meet S. Y. Hon, a clubmate, in the upper bracket and should win his tie, although the latter caused a surprise in the quarter-finals by beating M. A. Oliveira.

The better match of the evening will be that between P. K. Hui and C. Au. This is Au's first season in the Colony, but he has created a very favourable impression in all the matches he has played. The game should be very even.

The programme is as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES
(SEMI-FINALS)

P. H. Wong v. S. Y. Hon
P. K. Hui v. C. Au

Miss Megan Taylor became world's woman skating champion recently when she beat Miss Cecilia Colledge in the championship held at Stockholm, Sweden. Miss Colledge, former holder of the title, was so upset that she hurriedly and in tears left the banquet arranged for the distribution of prizes.

WEEK-END CRICKET FEATS

Some Notable Performances

Both the key matches in the First Division of the Hongkong Cricket League played on Saturday were drawn, and in consequence the Indian R.C. and the Craigengower C.C. have finished the season on level terms. A play-off will be necessary to decide the championship.

Last season, the Indians also tied for first place, with Hongkong C.C., and the play-off resulted in a draw. The two teams thus became joint champions.

Beating the University by two runs on Saturday, the Navy became champions of the Second Division. Their rivals, the Craigengower C.C. slipped up against the Hongkong C.C., losing by 18 runs after they had dismissed their opponents for only 123.

The most notable performances over the week-end were:

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COUNTY CRICKET—NEW POINTS SYSTEM

No Advantage For Side To Play Drawn Matches

One positive decision of importance emerged from the Advisory County Cricket Committee after their meeting at Lord's on February 23, as briefly cabled at the time.

County championship points will in future be awarded in accordance with the recommendation of the Findlay Commission, which means that it will never be to the advantage of any side to play for a drawn game.

The new method of calculation, which comes into force immediately, is as follows:

(a) Should a match be finished, the winning side to score 12 points.

(b) Should a match be finished and the scores be equal, each side to score six points.

(c) The side which leads on the first innings to score four points in all cases.

(d) Should a match be unfinished, and the scores of the first innings be equal, each side to score two points.

(e) Should the first innings be uncompleted, the match will not be included in the table of results.

For purposes of deciding the championship, the points gained will be divided by the number of matches played, and the side which has the highest average will be champion county.

EIGHT-BALL OVER

To Be Given A Trial Next Year

Another decision was to give a trial in 1939 to the eight-ball over in first-class cricket, although this proposal was not recommended by the Findlay Commission.

In my view (writes Ronald T. Symond in the *Daily Mail*) this experiment is of small importance in its relation to the general problems confronting county cricket. For those expecting a whale of change in the conduct of first-class cricket, the eight-ball over is a red herring.

As anticipated on the issue of the Findlay Commission's report, the financial recommendations for a cricket fund were not accepted.

All that has come of that elaborate scheme is a recommendation to the Board of Control that the distribution of Test match profits shall be modified, so that less money be handed to the clubs on whose grounds Test matches are played, and more to the other counties.

NO "DISCARDS"

But Big Problems Must Be Faced

The other major recommendation of the Findlay Commission, suggesting a reduction of the number of first-class counties, was also negatived.

In this connection it appears that the Advisory County Cricket Committee is disabled by its overload of tradition and sentiment from grappling with the problems involved.

The haphazard organisation of county cricket as a whole (as distinct from that of individual counties) is hardly adequate to cope with a situation which requires positive and forceful action.

Natural selection, and the pressure of finance, may ultimately reduce the number of counties engaged, but no liberation from the geographical and numerical anachronisms of the County Championship can be expected from the unwieldy Advisory County Cricket Committee.

OTHER ISSUES

Rules regarding qualification of players remain unchanged. Hours of play, intervals, and the preparation of wickets all came under discussion, but no material changes were made.

In summary, the adoption of the new method of scoring for the Championship is an important step forward in improving the game. In all other major designs for the solution of first-class cricket's problems, there is as yet no progress to report.

Possibly in future the problem will have to be reconsidered in terms of more drastic change, involving perhaps the abandonment of the "County" method of dividing up the country's cricket resources. Time will tell.

MISS LUMB'S RECORD AT SQUASH

Wins Title For Fourth Successive Year

Miss M. E. Lumb beat Mrs. I. M. McKechnie in the final of the women's championship at Queen's Club last month by 9-3, 9-2, 9-1, and thus won the title for the fourth time in succession—a record.

Miss Lumb was in much better form than against Miss F. B. Cooke in the semi-final. The fact that she beat so good a player as Mrs. McKechnie in 18 minutes speaks for itself.

Both started shakily, and made lots of mistakes, and the rallies were short. When Miss Lumb led 5-1 in the first game nine blank hands followed.

Mrs. McKechnie went boldly for her shots from the start. Unfortunately her touch was all wrong. She could not get a length, and her attempts to play the angles and the reverse angles frequently found the tin.

She improved a little after the first game, but Miss Lumb had found a length, and cleverly volleyed Mrs. McKechnie's cross-shots, which might have passed the ordinary player, but were easily parried by so swift a mover as Miss Lumb.

Miss Lumb served well, Mrs. McKechnie having to "boast" the return, which gave Miss Lumb the attack at the start of the rallies.

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Highlights Of Cup-Tie Football

SURPRISES IN FIFTH ROUND

Preston N.E. Triumph At Highbury

London, Feb. 16.

Arsenal out—York City through. Downfall of the favourites, triumph of a 150—1 outsider. Such results explain the enormous appeal of Cup-tie football.

Bookmakers are richer by thousands of pounds by the defeat of the Arsenal, 9—2 favourites, by Preston North End.

Preston North End have every reason to like the Highbury ground. It was there that they qualified for the final last year by beating West Bromwich Albion. They failed at Wembley against Sunderland.

As the Cup-holders also survived by a narrow home win over Bradford, there are more unlikely things, if they avoid each other in the draw, than that we shall see Sunderland and Preston again fighting it out at the Empire Stadium.

Now for the highlights of the fifth round ties.

CASH AND ATTENDANCES

I have searched the records, and Arsenal's £7,214 is easily the biggest amount of money ever paid to see a Cup-tie outside the semi-finals and final. Curiously, the gate was £4,000 short of that at the Charlton vs. Aston Villa match, but Charlton have resolutely refused to raise stand prices. The Charlton, York and Chesterfield attendances and receipts were all records, and the aggregate receipts amounted to £28,883, compared with £26,628 in the corresponding round last year.

Now is this for a contrast? At Highbury, 72,121 people paid £7,214 to see Preston North End win, and the Greenock Morton-Harbert Amateurs Scottish Cup-tie, which was played on neutral ground, attracted exactly 200 people, who paid the princely sum of £4. 1s. 0d.

Preston fully deserved their victory and only Bastin, of the Arsenal forwards, showed anything like his best form. Preston did not keep any steady formation in attack and much of their recent success is due to the skill with which the forwards interchanged positions.

YORK'S AMAZING RECORD

Even Preston's triumph pales before the spectacular triumph of York City, whose amazing performances rival those of Millwall last year. The London club won through to the semi-final, but York possess nothing like the resources of Millwall.

It is interesting to note that whereas York had to meet Halifax and Clapton Orient twice each before subduing them, and extra time had to be played to finish the Halifax tie, they have disposed of Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion and Middlesbrough at the first time of asking.

Luck of the draw has favoured York in the last three rounds and everybody, except, possibly, Huddersfield, are delighted that they have again been given the right to play at home in the sixth round.

The vital goal against Middlesbrough was scored by Spooner. He is the only player of the side for whom a transfer fee was paid, and he cost £50.

Most of the team are "part-time" professionals and train after they have finished their ordinary work.

BRENTFORD MAKES HISTORY

Brentford, the sole London club certain to be in the next round at the time of writing, have reached this stage of the competition for the first time in their history.

The Brentford forwards gave their best display for weeks against Manchester United, with Eastham the best of the line, yet he only got into the side by enforced changes at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of McCulloch, who was found to be suffering from a swollen gland.

Few followers of the game expected Huddersfield to win at Liverpool after their indifferent displays in the League of late but they did so by means of a second half goal scored by Barclay.

Although Huddersfield deserved their success, being more constructive and quicker on the ball, Liverpool's proverbial ill luck in the Cup competition continues. Hanson, their outside-left, was injured after five minutes and, although he returned, he was virtually a passenger for the rest of the game.

Chesterfield also suffered early tragedy; their experienced half-back, Devine, fractured a bone in his left leg after 18 minutes play.

Tottenham might not have called upon to replay had they realised, after taking the lead, that attack is the best form of defence.

MANCHESTER CITY IN FORM

A. H. Gibbons, the Royal Air Force player, who assists Tottenham, has scored in every round of the Cup. He obtained two against Blackburn Rovers, two in the replay against New Brighton and one on Saturday.

Manchester City, last year's League champions, have run into a brilliant patch just at the right time and although they will have to travel to Charlton or Aston Villa, are equal favourites for the Cup.

So dominating were the Manchester City forwards at Luton that they would have obtained many more goals had it not been for the wonder goalkeeping by Coen.

Aston Villa should have made certain of their tie against Charlton but, like Tottenham, they decided to concentrate on defence after taking the lead.

Only ten minutes remained for play when Charlton equalised and although the Villa forwards then pestered fast they found Bartram frustrating all their efforts.

WEMBLEY TILL 1964

The F.A. Cup final and the England vs. Scotland international will be played at Wembley Stadium until 1964.

The F. A. Council yesterday decided to replace the existing contract, which has six years to run, with one for 26 years.

I understand the first portion of the work towards meeting the public demand for more accommodation will be a provision for 38,000 new places on the terraces.

This work, which is estimated to cost £70,000, will be begun at once, and will be finished in time for next year's Cup final.

The complete scheme provides for the extension of both the big stands, and the ultimate aim is to provide places for 160,000 or 170,000 spectators.

Mr. A. J. Elvin, managing director of Wembley Stadium, in an interview said:

"Our plans for the enlargement and general improvements to the stadium are well in hand.

"By 1940, at the latest, we shall have the finest sports arena in the world, and if, as seems possible, the Olympic Games of 1944 are offered to Great Britain, Wembley will be at their disposal."

STOKE CITY AND MATTHEWS

Stan Matthews, Stoke City's international outside-right, one of the biggest box office draws in the game to-day, last week asked to be placed on the transfer list as he was not happy with the Club.

Matthews is in the five-figure class, judged by to-day's values, and at least five clubs would bid for his services if the Stoke City directors agreed to release him.

What the trouble is, nobody seems to know. Mr. Bob McGroy, the Club's manager, says he has always done his best to work in harmony and friendliness with all his players, and has given them all reasonable and equitable treatment. He does not think that Matthews has any reasonable ground for stating he is not happy with the Club.

Senior team players and members of the training staff of Stoke City have issued a statement protesting against rumour of dissension among them, and at the same time expressed the fullest confidence in the directors and manager.

Stoke City supporters are most anxious that Matthews should remain with the Club. So far, he has never played for anyone else.

Over 4,000 supporters attended a town meeting and a resolution was sent to the board urging the directors to do everything possible to keep Matthews.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th March, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th March, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

TITLE BOUT PROMISED FOR BAER

New York, Mar. 12.

Max Baer has accepted terms for a title bout for the world's heavyweight championship with the winner of the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling contest which is scheduled for June.—*Reuter.*

Substitute Barred From Discussions

Chinese Ineligible For Olympic Meeting

Cairo, Mar. 11.

Count Baillet la Tour, President of the International Olympic Committee, has ruled that Hsieh She-kang, the substitute Chinese delegate, is ineligible to take part in the meeting. This decision has prevented the introduction of the motion to boycott the Games in Tokyo, but it is believed that somebody else will make the motion.

Hsieh, who was to substitute for C. T. Wang, stated that a message from Wang had already been sent to the Committee drawing attention to the incongruity of holding the Games in a country which was at war.—*United Press.*

Arriving by air for the International Olympic Congress, Dr. Cheou Kang-sie said the Olympic spirit was the spirit of peace and China would not dissociate one from the other, and she would therefore be compelled not to participate in the Olympics in a country which was deliberately engaged in unprovoked aggression against China.—*Reuter.*

INTER-VARSITY MEET

Oxford Beat Cambridge for First Time Since 1934

London, Mar. 12.

The introduction of the system of scoring by points instead of the number of events, has coincided with Oxford's first victory to-day over Cambridge in the inter-varsity annual athletics since 1934.

Ten thousand spectators turned out in glorious weather and were witnesses of some excellent sport, though no records were broken. Oxford won 60 to 57.

A. G. K. Brown, British Olympic runner, won the half mile in 1.50⅘ and the quarter mile in 49 sec.—*Reuter.*

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IRELAND BEATEN AT RUGBY

Swansea, Mar. 12.

Before a crowd of 40,000 spectators, Wales scored a deserved win over Ireland in the International Rugby match which was played here to-day. There was one change in the Welsh team, Legge, of Newport, replacing Jenkins, who had injured his knee.

The first thrill of the game came soon after the kick-off, which was taken by Ireland. Wales attacked hotly and twice reached the Irish twenty-five yard line within the first three minutes. In the second of these rushes Moran intercepted a pass from Wooller and broke clean through, beating Legge, to touch down between the Welsh posts. McKibben easily converted.

The Irish forwards continued to hold their own in the scrum and were supported by the good defensive work of McKibben. Wales tried new tactics. With the sun behind them, the Welsh backs tried kicking ahead, but the advantage was not great and exchanges were very even for the first twenty minutes.

Wales Retaliates

Wales opened scoring from a penalty kick from the 35 yard line following an obstruction by Cromey, Wooller taking the kick. Cromey, despite this lapse, was playing better than he had done in both the previous games.

Wooller failed by inches to score further points when he essayed another penalty kick from the halfway line, near to touch.

After the interval Cromey did not return to the field. From the outset little was seen of combination among the Welsh team, though the backs handled well. They were definitely in the ascendancy, however, and only the stout defence of Craig and Torrens prevented them from scoring.

During an attack on the Irish line, Harry Rees attempted a drop-kick which struck the upright. Taylor gained possession and went over in the corner. Wooller failed with his kick.

Wales continued to have the advantage but the handling generally was far from satisfactory. They repeatedly got the ball from the scrum and harassed the Irish defence without ceasing. The strain told and Ireland's defence broke down after half an hour. From then on the game was all Wales'. Clement touched down, and Legge brought the scoring to an end with a beautiful conversion from the touch-line.

Ireland.—Craig; Moran, McKibben (Queen's University), Torrens (Limerick Bohemians), Boyle (Dublin University); Cromey, Morgan; Benmish (Air Force), Graves, Kennedy, Tierney, Mayne (Queen's University), Sayers (Army), Walker and O'Loughlin.

Wales.—Legge; Clement, Wooller, Davey, Idwal Rees; Tanner, Cliff Jones; Travers, E. Morgan, H. Rees, F. Morgan, Watkins, Vickery, McCarley and Taylor.—*Reuter.*

YOUNGSTERS DO WELL IN RIDING SPORTS

Enjoyable Competition At Hongkong School

Some magnificent feats of horsemanship were seen at the second annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School which was carried out at the school grounds, Tai Hang Road, yesterday afternoon in the presence of a big crowd who applauded each winner tremendously.

Frankie Langley, who was very successful at last year's sports, carried off five cups. He received first prize for Bareback Riding, Third Term Children's Competition, Children's Jumping Competition and the Harriman Challenge Cup, and a replica for being the best rider in the school.

Veronica Walker won the Third Term Children's Competition for girls and first prize for girls nine years and over in the Jumping Competition. She was only beaten by a very small margin for the Harriman Challenge Cup.

Elizabeth Fleming won the Second Term Children's Competition and ran first in the Jumping Competition for children under nine.

Marion Fleming and Quentin Fleming also carried off a prize each in the First Term Children's Competition and the Tiny Tots Competition respectively.

Helen Tracy won the cup for girls in the Bareback Riding Competition, Anne Wilson winning the first prize for children in the Tiny Tots Competition.

Judges Unable to Judge

Two little darlings in John Hole and Robin Buller had a tight tussle in the First Term Children's Competition, and they both put up such a clever display that the judges were unable to separate them, and they had to divide the prize. John Hole also won the first prize in the Children's Jumping Competition for pupils under nine years.

Beryl Fair distinguished herself by winning the Target Competition and the Musical Chairs, the prize for men going to G. W. Sewell and W. G. Poy.

Bobby Scott and Madeline Wong both won first prizes in the Fancy Hunt Pair for children on tiny ponies.

Mrs. Penney and R. H. Brooks both secured a first prize in the First Term Adult Pupils Competition against big opposition.

The Relay Race which was the last event on the programme was won by Helen Caudron for girls and Capt. R. S. Bowden for gentlemen.

Mrs. T. E. Pearce presented the prizes to the lucky winners and complimented each winner on their excellent riding.

Amahs Ride Well

One of the most interesting displays at the sports was the display of Ah Jui and Ah Su, the school amahs. They both received a very fine reception for their cleverness.

Mr. T. E. Pearce complimented Mr. Bob Charles for the excellent display of his pupils and ventured to say that most of the onlookers were amazed at the marvellous riding of of the children in particular, for which he had been responsible.

Lieut.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Alec Potts who deputised for Major Hogg were the judges and their task was by no means an easy one.

Pamela Scott Harston, Betty Fair and Beryl Fair were particularly busy arranging the classes for their respective events.

Prize Winners

Target Competition.—Women, Beryl Fair; men, G. W. Sewell.
First Term Adults Competition.—Women, Mrs. Penny; men, R. H. J. Brooks.
Second Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Elizabeth Fleming.
First Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Marion Fleming; Boys, Robin Buller and John Hole. (Dead Heat).
Barebnck Riding Competition.—Girls, Helen Tracy; Boys, Frankie Langley.
Tiny Tots Competition.—Girls, Anne Wilson; Boys, Quentin Fleming.
Third Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Veronica Walker; Boys, Frankie Langley.
Musical Chairs.—Women, Betty Fair; men, W. G. Poy.
Children's Jumping Competition.—Girls, Veronica Walker; Boys, Frankie Langley.
Children Under Nine.—Girls, Elizabeth Fleming; Boys, John Howe.
Fancy Hunt Pair.—Girls, Madeline Wong. Boys, Bobbie Scott.
Relay Races.—Women, Helen Caudron; men, Capt. R. S. Bowden.
Harriman Challenge Cup for the Best Rider in the School.—Frankie Langley.
Judges.—Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and Alec Potts.
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED THUS FAR:

Nina Azara, beautiful young singer, known as "The Firefly," is impelled by patriotic zeal to act as spy for the Spanish government. Evading handsome Don Diego, who has been paying court to her, she goes secretly across the French border to Bayonne. Here she again meets Diego, who has followed her; she realizes she loves him, but begs him not to seek out her company again until they are back in Madrid. She learns of Napoleon's plans to take King Ferdinand of Spain into custody, through a flirtation with Major de Rougement, one of Napoleon's aides. Preparing to send a message of warning by carrier pigeon, she discovers that some counter-spy has substituted another bird for her own. In desperation she hastens to Diego's house. There, when she asks Diego to take a message for her, she is interrupted by a member of the French Intelligence Service, who informs her that Diego is real Captain Andre, of the French Police.

Chapter Six

Nina knew that her mission to save Spain was now ended; but this realization was overshadowed by the stunning shock of Don Diego's true position. He belonged to France, to the enemy country . . .

Her one chance was that through sheer bravado, she could pass off the code message in her possession as harmless.

"I don't know what you're talking about," she told St. Claire, as he started to read the parchment he had taken from her.

"Reserve one table alone. . . order one flaming omelette. I'll be with you tomorrow." The officer, reading aloud, knitted his brows. He could not hold her on the strength of this.

"You have till nine o'clock to leave the country," he said grimly. Nina drew her lips together. Holding her head high, she left the room. She caught just a fleeting glimpse of Don Diego's tortured face as she passed him . . .

* * *

Napoleon's *coup d'etat* was successful. Within a fortnight his brother, Joseph Bonaparte, had been installed as Spanish ruler in place of the lawful Ferdinand.

The people were bitterly resentful. When the new monarch arrived in Madrid he was greeted with brooding silence in some quarters, open insults in others.

The aftermath was inevitable. A stray shot. . . retaliation by a French soldier. . . open rebellion . . brutality . . . massacre . . . and a fierce defense by the tremendously outnumbered, loyal Spaniards. The only hope, it appeared, was Wellington and his English army.

Nina, trying ineffectually to banish Don Diego from her mind, had been living for the day when she could once again be of some service to her stricken land. The moment was here at last. Garbing herself in the carefree gypsy raiment of the Basque country, she stole across the border to French headquarters in Vittoria.

Seated with some other dancers beside a campfire, on the outskirts of the town, her heart began to pound wildly as she caught sight of de Rougement (now wearing the insignia of a general). If so, did he know her real identity? Would he recognize her? She rose and began to weave back and forward in a provocative bucolic dance.

De Rougemont halted his horse. He watched the group. His puzzled eyes were fixed on Nina. As Nina began to sing, his face lighted up. He gave a terse, whispered command to an adjutant, then rode off. The orderly hurried over to Nina, who stood waiting, half in exultation, half in dread.

"Come to the general's rooms," he said.

De Rougement was overjoyed to see her, and Nina pretended to be elated at the reunion. As he turned for a moment to dismiss the attendant, Nina ripped open the band of her coat collar, taking from there a small piece of paper. Turning, de Rougement saw her and sternly he demanded the paper. It was a map, obviously of the French lines.

De Rougement recalled the orderly, commanding him to bring a member of the Intelligence Service. As the door opened to admit him, Nina saw that it was Don Diego! They stared at each other, Diego fearfully realizing the cause of his own presence there. Ordered to decode the message, he complied.

"Verify this map and return. We will attack on the twenty-first," was the message.

Commanding that Nina be placed under arrest, de Rougement swung into action. The little cart Nina used was ransacked, and a carrier pigeon discovered. Diego was ordered to send a reply in the same code, stating that these were indeed the French positions. Then de Rougement ordered all French lines to be changed. He was well pleased with this stroke of strategy. Now let the Spanish and English attack empty positions!

As he watched the pigeon making its way straight toward the English lines, a sudden resolve came to Diego. He made his way hurriedly to the low building transformed into a temporary jail.

"I'm going in to speak to the prisoner," he said to the guard, who looked at him curiously.

Nina's heart beat wildly as the door opened. She was willing to die . . . but a moment of panic overcame her as she realized the time might be near. When she saw it was Diego, she managed to gain complete control of herself. She looked at him, coolly, defiantly. Diego spoke gently.

"I have only a moment. I had to speak to you alone."

"Why?" Nina demanded. "You've done your duty. Your conscience is clear."

"My conscience?" Diego said quietly. "As if I cared about my conscience! All those years I've dreamed of you. Of the time when this terrible war would be over." He broke off, unable to continue for a moment. "Why did you do this?" he finally said. "Didn't you know you'd be recognized? That it meant death if you were caught?"

At that moment, a great booming of cannon sounded. The battle had started!

Nina's face suddenly lighted up with hope. "The battle for Vittoria," she said in a low voice.

Diego was puzzled by the tone she had adopted. Another burst of cannon came, this time much closer.

"Something's wrong," Diego said, quickly stepping to the window. "They're not attacking the center."

"We never intended to attack through the center," answered Nina, "But we wanted to make you think that we were going to do so that you would weaken your side positions. That's why I came up here with that map. I *wanted* to be caught. My orders were to be discovered with that map. But never *send* it. We left *that* 'strategy' for you."

Gradually Diego grasped the meaning of her words.

"You mean — that carrier pigeon — they knew we were the ones who sent it?"

"Yes!"

Diego called for the guard and rushed from the cell, Nina's taunting laugh followed him.

The next moment she realized he might have rushed to his death. He was running toward the bridge. When he reached it, a shell struck. As Nina watched, horrified, he pitched to the ground. She screamed, calling his name again and again.

The battle was soon over. Thanks to Nina's bravery, the French had been fooled into changing their strong position for a much weaker one. It was the Marquis himself who finally found Nina in her cell, safe but stony-eyed. Amid great cheers, she was led from the jail.

The courtyard had been turned into a first-aid station. Nina looked around desperately. Her eyes went swiftly from man to man. He was gone. . . no. . . In a corner she saw Diego lying on a bed of straw, heavily bandaged about the arm, chest and shoulders. She rushed to him.

His eyes were closed, his face turned from her. She took his hand, murmuring softly, almost in a whisper:

"I'm here, Diego, I'm here."

Diego's eyes opened. For a brief moment, he stared; then his face lighted up. "Giannini," he whispered. "Don't leave me . . . don't go."

"I won't. I won't . . . ever," Nina said, kneeling to kiss him.

THE END.

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JAPANESE VICTORY IN MUKDEN BATTLE

By W.G.G.

"Towns without people, ten times took,
And ten times left, and burned at last.
And starving dogs that came to look,
For owners when the column passed."

Thursday was the great festival of the Japanese Army. Since 1905 this day has been observed as "Army Commemoration Day," with great religious and military rites, as a thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Mukden.

When the Japanese army entered that city, in 1905, the Russo-Japanese war ended. To-day, in countless shrines and temples, soldiers in full military dress will render thanks to Kojin Sama, the God of War, and the ancestral spirits. The High Command will attend Yasukuni Shrine, at Tornanomon, Tokyo.

Sir Ian Hamilton has said that the Battle of Mukden (the World War notwithstanding) was "the bloodiest struggle in history." Certainly there have been battles where more combatants took the field, but for demoniacal fighting and carnage history can record no equal.

Russians' Retreat

The words of Admiral Togo to the fleet that stormed Port Arthur in 1904 became the battle-cry of the great host that was landed on the mainland of Asia and explains the ferocity of the fighting. Those words were:

"The enemy is ahead. Advance and slaughter him. If you should die, then a ready welcome awaits you among your ancestors."

Fired with this assurance of glory, whether winning or losing, the Japanese advanced into Manchuria. They swept in triumph everywhere. The advanced host of the Russians retreated, leaving half-empty towns for the Japanese to infest. They were falling back on Mukden.

From February 19 to March 10 a series of battles took place on a great curve, 100 miles in extent, the centre passing in front of the town of Mukden. It is stated that at times half a million men were engaged and at no time were there less than a quarter of a million in the field.

The Japanese sought to hasten the issue as they had constant supplies of new troops coming up. The Russians, on the other hand, so far from their base and connected with it by a single line of rail, endeavoured to delay the decisive struggle until a large reinforcing army arrived. This would not arrive for at least three weeks. Meanwhile Kuropatkin fought with strategy and cunning.

False Confidence

Till March 9, the vantage was on the side of the Russians. So confident were they that, relying on the arrival of the Baltic Fleet, they had actually named the day when they would march in triumph through Tokyo. Time after time the Japanese armies smashed themselves against the Russian wall, which proved adamant. It refused to yield.

At the northern end of the curve the Japanese under Kuroki followed attack by attack, the advancing army marching over the bodies of those slaughtered in the preceding battle. But never an inch was given without great losses. In the extreme south the Japanese General Nodzu tried encircling tactics, but he was no more successful. Eventually he retreated to the river Sha-ho, and there was temporary quiet in the south.

The centre, where the main army was held in reserve under Oyama, leader of the campaign, and his brilliant Chief of Staff, Kodama, was watched day and night by Russian scouts, for Kuropatkin expected the greatest attempt to be made there. He had assembled his Cossack cavalry ready to meet this advance.

That it was not made bewildered him, although it fitted in well with the strategy he himself was relying on—the arrival of the fresh Russian army.

"Heaven's Vengeance"

On the afternoon of March 9, the unexpected happened. A strong wind sprang up from the south, and a blinding dust storm enveloped Manchuria. A British war correspondent in Mukden declared that the dust was so thick that it darkened all the land, and from the window of his hotel, a wall 18 feet away was not visible. The Chinese residents of the city became panic-stricken, and cried out: "Surely Heaven is on the side of the Japanese."

Into the city poured the affrighted country people, who saw in the storm a vengeance from Heaven. Along the old stone streets rumbled all that afternoon and evening farm carts of every description, drawn by horses, mules, and cows.

Men walked one after the other with poles on their shoulders from which were suspended all their worldly belongings. Women with children in their arms sought refuge in corners and wherever a silent spot invited. Children roamed about the streets hungry and uncared for, confusion and an unnamed dread rested on all, intensified by the strange and ominous darkness.

That evening the gates of Mukden were not shut, lest some straggler should spend the night in the outer darkness in which anything could happen. And within the walls the entire population was hypnotised with terror.

Leader Outwitted

During the night the wind increased to gale force and moaned across the Manchurian plains. It was as the groaning of the spirits of the slaughtered.

"A sound
As of the trailing skirts of Destiny;
Passing unseen to some immitigable end
With her grey henchman—Death."

At midnight under the protection of that gale of dust, the Japanese crossed the Sha-ho and the main army moved from the centre to join the forces of Nodzu in the South. Here the attack was prepared. Kuropatkin, who expected it from the centre and had his armies drawn up in readiness, was to be outwitted.

At daybreak the Japanese advanced and then began that "bloodiest struggle in history." Like demons who saw in the skies the beckoning faces of their ancestors the Japanese fought, hacked their way through masses of flesh and blood.

The Cossacks on their horses dashed as "piercing knives of hell" in and out of the Japanese ranks. It was carnage described later by the brilliant Japanese Chief of Staff, General Kodama, as "an awful slaughter that soaked the ground with blood."

At least 250,000 men were fighting hand to hand. Even Tamerlane, who built in Asia his pyramid of 70,000 human skulls, might well have shuddered at this landscape splashed with blood.

But it did not last long. The Russians, so far from their supplies, were short of munitions. One course alone was possible. Kuropatkin took it. On the evening of March 10 began the retirement.

SLAUGHTER THAT KNOWS NO EQUAL

Probably the greatest victory in the whole of that war was the mastered agony of that munitionless retreat of the Russian forces, who two days before were confident of victory. But "the stars in their courses had fought against Sisera."

The Japanese, following Oyama, entered Mukden. The Russo-Japanese War was over.

Statistics of the slaughter vary, but it would seem that those nearest to the real estimate are: Japanese, 47,152 killed, 11,424 died of wounds, 21,802 died of disease. The last figures are significant as indicating the effect of rotting bodies outside Mukden. These figures were compiled by the Statistical Bureau of the Japanese Army. The Russian estimate of their losses at the Battle of Mukden was 45,700 killed and 110,000 died of wounds and disease.

This is the victory and the triumphal entry into Mukden that Japan will celebrate to-day.

For following weeks the plain before Mukden became one great funeral pyre, where the bodies of the fallen Japanese were burned, while throughout Japan there was the unending roll of funeral drums as the countless rickshaws followed the ashes of the brave to their resting places.

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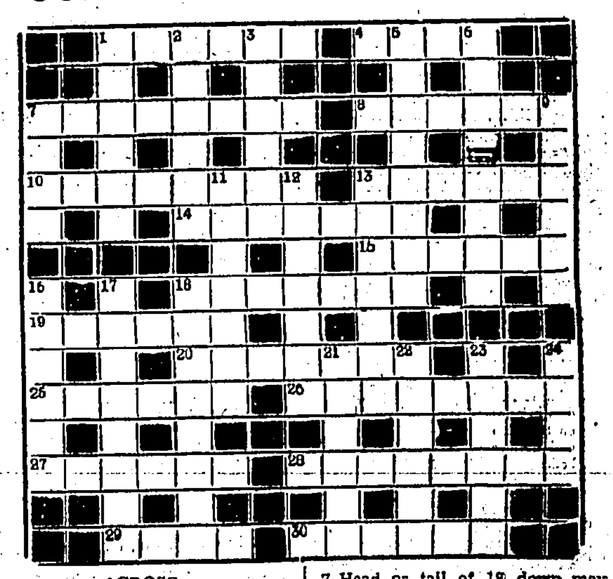

ACROSS

1 Has this animal only one arm? (6).
4 One might make a hash of him (4).
7 Is in military array, this ideal place—but the soldier will not agree! (8).
8 It might be sunlit (6).
10 The pith of this roll is in the middle (8).
13 French town (6).
14 This Spaniard has his head concealed (7).
15 Where there's fired material and mineral it is solid underfoot (6).
18 Following with an end that should fit well (7).
19 It's a wonderful thing to ruin half a good material (6).
20 This makes things dull (7).
25 Consume (6).
26 This may flank the entrance to the field (8).
27 It is seen to terminate an extant feature, but springs from a legend earlier (6).
28 Complicated, and has a tricky finish (8).
29 Fruit (4).
30 Contains a common vehicle, but is by no means common (6).

DOWN

1 A light deception (6).
2 An edible root (6).
3 Used to change, but very much put out (6).
5 The greater part of it is last, but so is all of it (8).
6 There's some use in this species of burglar alarm (two words—5, 3).
7 Head or tail of 18 down may be drunk (4).
9 Given a trial (6).
11 Existing only in name (7).
12 I do wrong in rowdy behaviour, but it is not depressing (7).
13 Not in favour, but there's profit in it (7).
16 Useful device to cover that doubtful spelling (6).
17 This is supplied with a Latin poet included (8).
18 Bad tempered (8).
21 The kind of metre given to us by William Bickerstaffe (6).
22 Is this fellow inclined to bully? (6).
23 Capacity for a book (6).
24 This makes a nod better than a wink (4).

Saturday's Solution.

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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

IMPERIAL PARLEY — Only three times in the history of Japan has the Imperial Council met with Emperor Hirohito to discuss grave problems. Here is the recent Tokyo meeting, with Hirohito at head of the council table. The council presumably agreed to carry on the Chinese war, recognising pro-Japanese administrations only.

PROTECTION — Italian police already are making vast preparations to insure safety of Chancellor Hitler of Germany, when he arrives in Italy about May 1 to return Premier Mussolini's recent visit to Germany. Above is Arturo Bocchini, supreme head of the Italian police.

SOVIET EMBASSY BURNS—Fire of undetermined cause consuming the Soviet Embassy in Nanking, China, on New Year's Day. On Jan. 24 a similar fire razed the Soviet Embassy at Hankow, temporary Chinese capital, after an explosion. Officials stated they did not believe either fire was of incendiary origin.

ANTI-AIR RAID—Members of the Swiss Women's Anti-Air Raid brigade, equipped with gas masks, helmets and voluminous uniforms, emerge from one of the "safety holes" leading to an underground "mansion," in Zurich. Elaborate preparations to protect its citizens from air raids are being made by the government. The gas and bomb proof mansions hold 200 persons.

SHAKE AT LAST — After Jim Braddock, right, won the boxing decision in New York over Tommy Farr, Welsh fighter, Farr refused to shake hands. But above, Farr feels better, as they meet in Promoter Jacobs' office, New York.

WRESTLER BOUND FOR HOLLYWOOD — Ranee of Sarawak, right, wife of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, ruler of the sultanate of Sarawak in Northern Borneo, who hurried to a New York pier to greet her daughter, Valerie, known as Princess Baba, and her new son-in-law, Bob Gregory, British wrestler. The Ranee asserted that reports of her opposition to the recent marriage were "newspaper bilge." The Gregorys were en route to Hollywood where he hoped to begin a film career.

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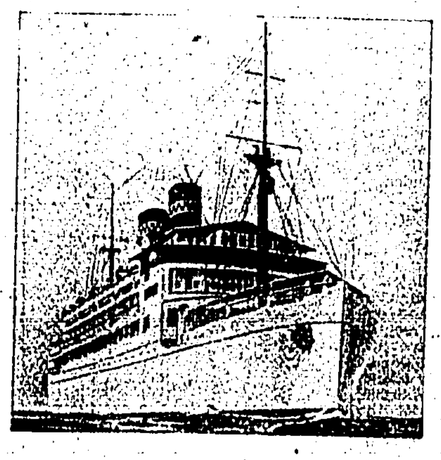

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PRE-WAR cinema films are already prized as antiques —and collectors are as much troubled as picture fanciers to distinguish originals from fakes.

At present the early films of Charlie Chaplin are causing confusion.

As part of their historical work the British Film Institute are cataloguing these films, but difficulties have arisen because no two authorities agree as to the number of Chaplin films made by the Keystone Company in 1914, and most of them differ as to which was the first.

"All the trouble is due to the fact that in the early days films were sold outright instead of being rented or hired out, as they are now," an official of the Institute told the *News Chronicle*.

"This made it easy for 'dupers' to manufacture duplicates of films they had just bought. The Chaplin films had a ready-made market, and consequently they were favourite subjects for the duper.

"To cover his tracks the duper habitually gave his copy a new title. In this way the problem of Chaplin's early films has become enveloped in confusion.

PAGE BY PAGE

"Nearly a hundred titles are on record, and up to the present there has been no way of distinguishing fakes from originals. The British Film Institute are now clearing up the mystery. Page by page the trade papers of the day have been searched for evidence, and the issue date and the original title of every Chaplin film have been extracted.

"About three dozen of the earliest Chaplins are still in the catalogues of renters and home film libraries, but at least a dozen are missing.

"The institute believe that many of these missing films are in private collections, and we are anxious to get in touch with any who possess reels of Chaplin's early work, however fragmentary they may be."

The Bishop of London celebrated recently his 80 years anniversary. Photograph shows him greeting workmen.

EMPIRE NEWS

THE UNION JACK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown.

Speaking at Porterville, Cape Province, Dr. Malan, Leader of the Opposition, stated to-day that the only national flag of South Africa was the Union flag. The Union Jack was flown as a concession to those who were so imperialistic at the time of the passing of the Flag Act that they insisted on the Union Jack as a symbol of South Africa's friendship with England.

If the Nationalist party ever attained power and proclaimed a republic, said Dr. Malan, the Union Jack would be done away with.

Death of Mr. A. W. Roberts.—The death has occurred of Mr. A. W. Roberts, an ex-Senator and formerly Chairman of the Native Affairs Commission.

Australia

AN ASSURANCE ON DEFENCE

Sydney.

Simultaneously with the inauguration of "Fleet Week," when ships of the Australian Navy are thrown open to the public on a wider scale than ever before, Earl De La Warr, Lord Privy Seal, has made a speech on the defence of Australia. He said that though few Australians feared invasion, this was not discounted by the fact that Australia's export and inter-State constal trade were most vulnerable.

Lord De La Warr added emphasis to remarks made by Lt.-Col. J. J. Llewellin, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who is visiting Australia, that "Britain is keeping a watchful eye on the Commonwealth, and can give a positive assurance that Australia can rely on Britain's fullest help to defend the country."

Feared Steel Shortage.—Mr. T. W. White, the Federal Minister of Trade and Customs, to-day announced his decision to admit 25,000 tons of galvanised iron sheet—British for preference—free of the general 15 per cent. ad valorem duty. It is feared that there may be a serious shortage owing to a strike at the works of John Lysaght.—*Exchange.*

India

CONVICTS' HUNGER STRIKE

Calcutta.

Eighteen convicts in the central prison at Hazaribagh, Bihar, including six repatriated from the Andaman Inslands, have gone on hunger strike as a protest against the failure of the Government to release them. One man is in a serious condition and has been forcibly fed.

King George V. Memorial.—India's first memorial to King George V. was seen by the public to-day, when the Governor of Bombay, Sir Roger Lumley, unveiled a statue of his Majesty opposite the Gateway of India, the archway through which Viceroys pass when they arrive or depart.—*Exchange.*

Lord Lothian's Return.—The Marquess of Lothian, who was chairman of the Indian Franchise Committee in 1932, and has been touring India for several weeks, studying the working of the new constitution, left New Delhi to-day by air for London.—*Reuter.*

New Zealand

"SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION"

Wellington.

Mr. Nash, the Finance Minister, commenting on the income and expenditure figures for the nine months ended Dec. 31 last, which have just been issued, says that New Zealand's financial position is essentially sound.

Revenue amounted to £20,740,000, compared with £18,588,000 for the corresponding period last year. Expenditure totalled £21,930,000, compared with £26,044,000.—*Reuter.*

Ceylon

BRITAIN HER BEST CUSTOMER

Colombo.

Great Britain was Ceylon's best customer in 1937, and Ceylon purchased more goods from Great Britain than from any other country.

Imports from the United Kingdom totalled just over £4,000,000—an increase of £643,000 over 1936—while Ceylon's exports to the United Kingdom totalled £10,650,000—an increase of £1,660,000 over 1936.

The British Empire took over two-thirds of Ceylon's exports. Empire purchases totalling £16,660,000.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS

SUPER PLANES IN 1940

Dallas, Tex.

Airplanes carrying million pound cargoes that can cross oceans in a few hours were foreseen here by I. R. Metcalf, head of the National Advisory Committee on aeronautic for the department of commerce

"Within the next ten years such super machines will be commonplace," Metcalf said.

The chubby, grey-haired aeronautical expert explained that engineering problems practically had been solved for the construction of planes weighing up to 250,000 pounds.

The large planes probably will move through the sub-stratosphere at a cruising speed of 400 miles an hour. They will cross a state while a guest is eating breakfast and move out over the ocean beyond the sight of land while a passenger is taking a stroll around the glass encased promenade deck.

Metcalf was here for the semi-annual meeting of the maintenance division of the National Air Transport Association. Engineers from all parts of the United States and Canada met to discuss construction and maintenance problems to be met by airlines in the next few years.

Metcalf told the engineers that experiments by his bureau and manufacturers had proven that the ratio of the carrying load of a plane increased indefinitely as the size of the craft increased.

Mechanical power and fuel will be the only limits to the size of the craft constructed 10 years from now, he said.

Little change in the shape and construction of planes was predicted by the engineers. The pusher type motor may replace the radial motor, because of less wind resistance. But the body of the pusher motor will be hidden inside the forepart of the wing and will be connected by a shaft to a propeller at the rear. Vibration of the present pusher motor is too great for the thin rear part of plane wings, engineers said.

The giant planes will be more comfortable. They will be complete with promenade decks, bars and recreation rooms.

Metcalf believes air travel will be as safe as along traffic congested highways, when the giant crafts arrived. Engineers reported that mechanical faults caused less than 3 per cent. of the air transport accidents in the last three years.—*United Press.*

Veteran H.K. Educationist Passes Away

Mr. W. Drew Braidwood Dies In Jersey

Word has been received in Hongkong that Mr. W. Drew Braidwood, former headmaster of the Victoria English School for boys and girls, has died in the Channel Islands at the age of 81.

The school was originally opened by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hanlon, about 60 years ago, but was eventually taken over by Mr. Braidwood who was headmaster until it closed in 1903.

Only last year, on March 12, 'old boys and girls of the school held a re-union, the occasion being Mr. Braidwood's eighieth birthday. The arrangements were undertaken by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee. At that time a handsome silver tray, in a mirrored, silk-covered box was sent to Mr. Braidwood, bearing the initials of his "old boys."

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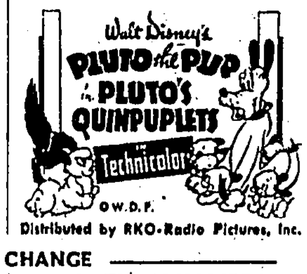

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European Situation May Expedite Expansion

Washington, Mar. 12.

The Nazification of Austria gave the House leaders new strength in the drive to force the Naval Expansion Bill through the House next week.

Representative Ralph O. Brewster, a member of the Naval Affairs Committee, maintained that the Austrian crisis should not have a place in the debate. He admitted that the crisis did not help the opposition.

Opponents have abandoned party lines and drafted a challenge to the contention that the measure is strictly a defensive one. Leaders state that the "crisis is undoubtedly an advantage for the passage of the Bill."—*United Press.*

SITKA DEFENCE BASE

San Diego, Mar. 11.

It is learned that an unannounced number of submarines have been ordered to Alaska, apparently in connection with the proposed fleet and air base at Sitka.—*United Press.*

SCREEN ACTRESS DIES SUDDENLY

Hollywood, Mar. 12.

The death has occurred from heart failure of Lyda Roberti, who appeared in "The Kid from Spain."—*United Press.*

Lyda Roberti was born in Warsaw, Poland, and was the daughter of the famous Continental clown. She toured in her father's troupe and after getting stranded in China she went to California where she became a chorus girl. She was soon given a part in "You Said It" on Broadway and later in a film for Paramount entitled "Dancers in the Dark."

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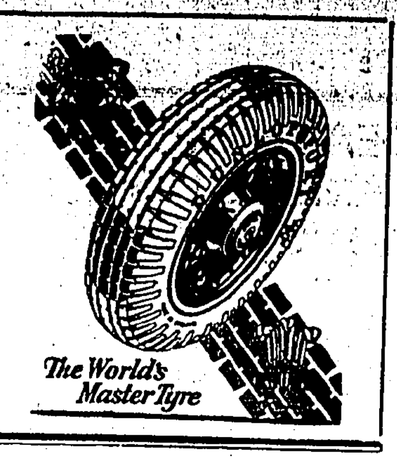

DOMINATION OF AUSTRIA COMPLETE

NAZIS MAKE VIENNA SAFE FOR HITLER

Plan Huge Round-Up of Fatherland Front's Scattered Members

Vienna, Mar. 13.

The resignation of Dr. Wilhelm Miklas, President of the Austrian Republic, has completed Herr Hitler's domination of the country. Dr. von Seyss-Inquart has established himself as President.

It is officially stated that Herr Hitler is taking over complete command of the Austrian army.

The roars of jubilant Nazis drowned radio announcements that "Austria is a State of the German Reich."

The Nazi chief, Herr Odilo Loboschink, announced that the anschluss plebiscite would be held on April 10, when all, with the exception of Jews, would be asked to vote their "faith in Hitler."

It is reported that Dr. Miklas, Dr. Schuschnigg and scores of other officials have been "protectively" arrested. Meanwhile Herr Hitler's triumphal tour of Vienna has been delayed, pending the completion of elaborate precautions for his safety.

This afternoon Herr Hitler, with bared head, stood at the grave of his parents in the village of Leonding, and overnight he is going to Salzburg. It is planned that he will enter Vienna on Monday.

The anschluss is technically established through an amendment in the Constitution of the late Dr. Dollfuss which was drafted prior to his assassination.

Miklas Says He Was Betrayed

Dr. Miklas finally bowed to Dr. Seyss-Inquart's demands, and resigned ten minutes before the proclamation of the anschluss.

There are indications that the Nazis believe the "pacification" is incomplete and they have planned to round up thousands of angry supporters of the Fatherland Front before Herr Hitler's arrival in Vienna.

The Nazis have prepared the biggest military demonstration in Vienna's history. Broadcasts have

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STOP PRESS

Movie Star's Brother Guilty Of Extortion

Los Angeles, Mar. 13.

Captain Leopold McLaglen, brother of Victor McLaglen the cinema star, was convicted yesterday on a charge of attempting to extort $20,000 from the well-known American sportsman, Mr. Philip M. Chancellor. The maximum sentence for this offence is five years hard labour.—*United Press.*

U.S. FLEET READY FOR EXERCISES

Biggest Sham War In History Veiled In Secrecy

San Pedro, Mar. 13.

Fifty thousand enlisted men, 3,600 officers and 150 ships and auxiliaries are prepared for a dawn departure on the most exhaustive peace-time manoeuvres in history. For the first time, in accordance with President Roosevelt's order, newspapermen are barred from the manoeuvres, and as a result, after going to sea, the fleet will be swallowed in secrecy unless a plane crashes or there are other mishaps.

Only the high command knows the hour of departure from San Pedro, Long Beach and San Diego. The exercises are designed to test the capacity of repulsing a sudden or pre-warned attack by an aggressor.

THREE ENGAGEMENTS

The United States fleet exercises will include three mock engagments. The Whites, commanded by Vice-Admiral W. T. Tarrant, will defend California against the Blacks, commanded by Admiral Kalbfus. Each fleet will have 500 aeroplanes to assist it, while submarines will support the Whites.

After this the combined fleets will attack Honolulu, where Rear-Admiral Murfin will command the defending warships, aeroplanes and cruisers.

The Honolulu phase of the manoeuvres includes an attempted landing by a force of Fleet marines under the command of Major-General L. M. Little.

After a brief rest at Hawaii the fleet will divide into attackers at various places between the Aleutian Islands and South California.

It is learned that a patrol of bombers will remain at their bases until a sudden signal sends them to sea on a given mission.—*United Press.*

Children's Show At H.K. Cinema

In keeping with a policy of experiment with a view to entertaining Hongkong's large juvenile cinema-going population, the Queen's Theatre is to present a 12-chapter serial picture, "Jungle Jim."

It will be shown on two consecutive week-ends. Starting next Saturday morning at 11 a.m., the first six chapters will be presented. The show will be repeated Sunday at the same time.

The following week-end the last six chapters will be shown.

The programme will be exclusively devoted to the thrilling adventures of Jungle Jim and will take about two hours to complete.

The cast includes Grant Withers, Betty Jane Rhodes, Raymond Hatton and Evelyn Brent.

Angry Londoners March On German Embassy

FRANCE TO RECOGNISE ETHIOPIAN CONQUEST

Blum's Foreign Policy Still Not Decided

Paris, Mar. 13.

M. Leon Blum has formed his Cabinet, thereby giving France for the first time in five days a new Government with which to face Europe's most serious crisis since the World War.

Following an attempt which lasted through the night, to form a Government on national union lines, similar to that which came into power during the War, Mr. Blum was forced to abandon his efforts. He has a Popular Front alignment.

M. Albert Lebrun, the President, issued a decree legalising the Government, and M. Blum faces the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday to explain his programme.

M. Blum immediately conferred with M. Yvon Delbos, M. Camille Chautemps, M. Paul Boncour and M. Edouard Daladier to-day regarding the Austrian, Czech-Solvakian and Spanish situations. It is understood that he did not arrive at a decision, and the French attitude to the Austrian question presumably is that France will rest content that so long as Austria does not appeal to the League, France is not obliged to act.

It is unconfirmedly reported that M. Georges Bonnet is being appointed Ambassador to Rome with credentials addressed to the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia, thereby relieving Italo-French tension.—*United Press.*

FRENCH CABINET CHOSEN

Paris, Mar. 13.

The new French Government comprises the following Ministers:

M. Leon Blum, Premier and Minister of Finance;

M. Edouard Daladier, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence;

M. Paul Boncour, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

M. Cesar Campinchi, Minister for the Navy;

M. Guy La Chambre, Minister for Air;

M. Max Dormoy, Minister of the Interior;

M. Marius Moutet, Minister for the Colonies;

M. Frossard, Minister for Propaganda.

Ministers of State include M. Albert Sarraut and M. Vincent Auriol, and the political composition of the Ministers is: twelve Socialists, seven Radicals, three Democratic Leftists, and one Independent.

Under-Secretaries include four Socialists, and six Radicals. The Premier is the Socialist leader and the Vice-Premier the Radical leader.

The creation of a Ministry for Propaganda is an interesting innovation.—*Reuter.*

HE CALLS IT "PASSO ROMANO"—So impressed was Premier Mussolini by the army goosestep, when he visited Germany recently, that he had it adopted in moderation by the Italian Black Shirts. During a recent review in Rome, he leaped from his horse and himself goosestepped at the head of the column, as shown. He calls it the "passo Romano," or Roman step.

HEROIC FOREIGNERS STAY IN DANGER ZONE TO SAVE CHINESE WOUNDED

(FROM JACK BELDEN)

Chengchow, Mar. 14.

A week ago to-day, on March 7, a Chinese woman, in a mud hut, gave birth to a baby, and the next day, while Japanese planes were roaring overhead, two missions were struck. The husband carried the woman through the streets into the Baptist Mission and begged Dr. Sanford Ayers of Atlanta, Ga., to do something. Dr. Ayers, while outside anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire was clattering, delivered a day-delayed twin which at present is called the "Bombardier."

Dr. Ayers modestly deprecated his colleagues' praise, and said to me: "That was some excitement!"

Dr. Ayers is known from Hankow to the Yellow River as the "Honan Host." He holds an open house for newspapermen, missionaries and refugees in the Southern Baptist compound which is the headquarters for Lunghai, Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railway travellers.

A field director of the Red Cross claims that Dr. Ayers "has done a lot better job than anybody else."

CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING

He is the brother of Mr. Harry M. Ayers, publisher of the Anniston*nia Evening Star*, and he comes from a family of adventurers such as another brother, correspondent for the *New York Sun*, who was killed in the Panama revolution while carrying on the tradition. For four months Dr. Ayers alone operated day and night while the wounded poured in from northern Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin-Pukow railway fronts.

The first time I met Dr. Ayers was in September when he was alone and critically ill with malaria. His wife came and nursed him.

Then the Japanese bullets began to find their targets and waves of wounded poured into Chengchow. Said Dr. Ayers: "We had just finished a matshed which the wounded filled in one whack. We had 70 beds expanded to 250. They came on stretchers, in rickshas and on house doors. Seventy-two soldiers came in one day and I operated for 48 hours without a stop. We walked down the line to choose the most serious, and slapped them into the operating room, then handled the rest one by one. All of them were infected, for many just had a piece of iddoform gauze stuck on to their wounds and that

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Temperature Drops To 47

Coldest Morning Of Winter

Hongkong's coldest weather this winter, and the fifth coldest March day this century, was recorded between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning, when the temperature fell to 47 degrees.

Since last Sunday, when the highest March temperature ever recorded at the Royal Observatory occurred, the mercury has fallen almost 40 degrees—from 84 to 47 degrees.

Since 10 a.m. yesterday it has varied 13 degrees. From midnight to 4 o'clock this morning it remained stationary at 51 degrees, falling to 48 degrees at 6 a.m. and to 47 degrees shortly afterwards.

Only a two degree rise in temperature was recorded from 7 to 11 a.m., and at noon the temperature was still only 52 degrees.

Conditions ruling to-day may continue, the official forecast predicting fresh northerly and north-easterly winds and generally cloudy weather. One point of rain fell during the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day bringing the total [illegible]

BRITAIN URGED TO END ALL NEGOTIATIONS

CABINET WILL CONSIDER AUSTRIAN EVENTS TO-DAY

London, Mar. 13.

Amazing scenes were witnessed at Trafalgar Square when 20,000 demonstrated against Herr Hitler's invasion of Austria. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution urging the British Government to refuse to continue negotiations with Germany and Italy until German troops had been withdrawn from Austria, and Austrian independence restored.

The resolution also asked for the dispute to be transferred to the League of Nations.

After the meeting the crowd formed into a procession and moved off toward the German Legation, but strong detachments of police stopped it at the foot of Regent Street. Traffic was disorganised over a large part of the West End.—*Reuter.*

China Moves To Protect Currency

Hongkong To Play Part According To Regulations

Hankow, Mar. 13.

The Ministry of Finance has announced that the Japanese militarists' organisation of the so-called Federated Reserve Bank in Peiping is a nefarious attempt to undermine Chinese national currency and obtain control of the foreign exchange funds of the country.

The Chinese Government has decided on the following revised procedure:—

(1) Commencing on March 14, sales of foreign exchange will be centralised at the Central Bank of China at the seat of the Government. For convenience the Central Bank may establish a forwarding office in Hongkong.

(2) Banks desiring to purchase foreign exchange for legitimate purposes must apply at the Central Bank or through the forwarding office.

(3) The Central Bank will furnish foreign exchange at existing rate levels after consideration of the applications.—*United Press.*

NEW REGULATIONS

Hankow, Mar. 14.

The following are the official foreign exchange regulations issued by the Ministry of Finance.

(1) Banks desiring to cover any legitimate demand for foreign exchange for their customers in excess of amounts obtained from purchase of bills of exchange, inward remittances and other market operations, may apply to the head office of the Central Bank of China or through its forwarding office in Hongkong.

(2) Such Banks shall lodge their applications with the Head Office of the Central Bank of China or its forwarding office in Hongkong in the form prescribed by the Minister of Finance.

(3) Applications shall be made at 10 o'clock every Thursday. After consideration of the applications a reply shall be communicated to each applicant by 10 o'clock on the following morning. On holidays applications may be made and replies communicated on the next business day.

(4) Persons who engage in [illegible]

Policemen Pulled From Horses

London, Mar. 13.

While Mr. Neville Chamberlain conferred with Viscount Halifax for half an hour as to whether Britain should join France in stern action over the Austro-German situation, 25,000 Labourites and a sprinkling of Communists took part in one of the wildest demonstrations seen for years. They stormed the German Embassy shouting: "Hitler is driving Europe to war." They knocked several policemen from their horses and were trampled underfoot before order was restored.

Their spokesman was permitted to deliver a manifesto of protest, while red banners demanded collective support for Austrian and Czecho-Slovakian independence. The crowd was not aware that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, had started for Germany at noon.

Meanwhile the Foreign Office announced that the British Minister to Vienna had been recalled to report on the situation.

The Chairman of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, Mr. H. H. Elvin, announced that Trades Unions executives would meet in Paris on Monday to discuss the Austrian development. In his speech, Mr. Elvin demanded that Parliament should "make clear quite definitely that unless German invasion of Austria is withdrawn, Britain will break completely all re-

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SMALLPOX DEATHS OVER 800

34 New Cases At Week-end

Another 34 cases of small-pox reported during the week-end has brought the total since January 1 to 1,305.

Twenty-three of the week-end cases were reported from the residential area of Victoria, six from Kowloon, two from Shaukiwan, and one each from Aberdeen, the New Territories and the Harbour.

Deaths since January 1 now exceed 800, making this one of the most virulent smallpox epidemics experienced in the Colony.

Apart from smallpox the week-end was particularly free from notifiable diseases, no cases of any sort being reported from Shaukiwan, Aberdeen, the New Territories and the Harbour. Enteric fevers [illegible] one case of [illegible] and [illegible] in Kowloon, while Victoria [illegible]

DEATH OF FAMOUS U.S. ADVOCATE

Chicago, Mar. 13.

The death is announced of Mr. Clarence Darrow, Chairman of the National Recovery Review Board, in his 81st year.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Darrow, who was called to the Bar in 1878 was attorney for the North-Western Railway, and counsel in a number of Labour cases, including the Debs Strike case, the Anthracite-Coal-Strike arbitration in Pennsylvania in 1902, and several other important litigations. One of his last important cases was that in which he was counsel for Lieut. Massie in what became known as the Honolulu Case in 1932.

The late Mr. Darrow was an author of some note, and in addition to some volumes on crime, had published a number of short stories.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks

H.K. Banks, $1,605 sa.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £96 n.
Chartered Banks, £12⅛ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, $80 b. x. d.

Insurances

Canton Ins., $275 n.
Union Ins., $535 b.
China Underwriters, $2.20/25 sa.
H.K. Fire Ins., $247½ s.

Shipping

Douglas, $59½ n.
H.K. Steamboats, $12 sa.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), $43 n.
Shell Bearer, 88/9 n.
Union Waterboats, $9.30 b.

Docks etc.

H.K. & W. Wharves, $139 sa
H.K. W. Docks, $34.65 b.
Providents (old), $3.50 sa.
Providents (new), $1.45 b.
New Engineerings, Sh. $3 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. $100 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 16/- n.
Raubs, $7.90 s.
Venz: Goldfield, $4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining

Antamoks, P. .55 sa.
Atoke, P. .24½ sa.
Baguio Gold, P. .22 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 9.70 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Groves, P. .52 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.
Demonstrations, P. 36½ sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. .74 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaus, P. .22 sa.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. .45 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. .18 sa.
United Paracales, P. 41 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $6.90 b.
H.K. Lands, $37¼ sa.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben $100 b.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $7 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, $9 b.
H.K. Realties, $5.85 b.
Chinese Estates, $95 b.
China Realties, Sh. —
China Debent, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, $15½ sa.
Peak Trams (old), $7 b.
Peak Trams (new), $3¾ n.
Sar Ferries, $83¾ n.
Yaumati Ferries (old), $28¼ b.
China Light (old), $12¾ sa.
China Light (new), $9.30 n.
H.K. Electric, $60¼ b.
Macao Electric, $19¾ n.
Sandakan Lights, $13¼ b.
Telephone (old), $27¾ b.
Telephone (new), $10.50 n.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Tractions, 23/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/6 n.

Industrials

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $14¾ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $12¼ n.
Canton Ices, $1.70 n.
Cement., $18.25 n.
H.K. Ropes $4.05 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, $26 sa.
Watsons, $7 b.
Lane Crawfords, $9¼ s.
Sinceres, $1.90 n.
Wing On (H.K.), $39 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 60 cts. n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons, Sh. $13.70 sa.
S'hai Cotton (old), Sh. 74 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, $8.70 n.
Constructions, $1½ b.
Vibro Piling, $5½ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds., 79% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% prm. n.
Wallace Harpers, $6½ b.
Marsmans Inv., (Lon.), s/- 17/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/- sa.

KING CAROL STILL TO VISIT LONDON

Bucharest, Mar. 13.

The Rumanian Foreign Office states that there is no change of plans for the visit of King Carol and Prince Michael to London on March 22.—*Reuter.*

London Summing-up of the Spring Fashion Shows by Robb and Lucy Milner

Round flat pillbox, slightly deeper at the back than the front, made of hyacinth blue crepe. Worn tilted forward, trimmed with two big bunches of blue and white flowers. From Suzy.

Erik's flat, plate-like straw, slightly turned up at the edges of the brim, carrying a whole black crow on the top. Held on by a narrow band of ribbon running under the hair at the back.

Curving brim in navy blue Baku straw, dipping back and front to follow the line of the head. Crown is made of big, clustered, white pansies, centred with orange, piled up towards the back of the head.

Goodbye to high crowns

Sports hat in cherry red felt, with a brim which dips at the back and curves down over the eyes in front. Crown is split into two peaks, which carry the line up and forward.

Suzy makes this hat in coarse, ridged, claret-coloured straw, with a flat brim curving inwards at the edge, and a tiny narrowing crown of royal blue crepe. Top of the crown was straw again, finishing in a blue stalk.

Showing the variations that can be played on the Breton theme. Stiff stand-up brim of white grosgrain, quilted with blue stitching, put on a crown is bound with blue ribbon. Suzy.

You'll have six shapes to choose from

HATS have climbed down this season. Instead of trying to make crazy effects on their own, they are designed for their proper job, which is to suit, shade, and show off our faces.

The general line can be described as flat and rising; that's to say, crowns are shallow, brims wide, flat, turned up at the edges.

But there are so many variations on this that you can't pick on any one particular type as being the 1938 hat. All the better for us, of course. You will be able to choose between:—

BOATERS with squared, shallow crowns and stiff, thick brims, made of coarse plaited straw and trimmed with bows and veils of stiff net. Excellent with tailor-mades.

BRETONS some of them perfectly round and classical, some with the sweep of the upturned brim far higher on one side than the other. They are often made in two materials and two colours; brims of straw, crowns of grosgrain. Also very good for wearing with suits, and becoming if you can take the off-the-face line.

PLATES with big flat brims, and no crowns to speak of. They hardly touch your head anywhere, but are held on with scarves or ribbons of coarse veils knotted at the back. They take their trimming on the top—bird wings, large clustered flowers, even fruit. Good for balancing the width of the full-skirted afternoon frocks.

CLOCHES but not the face-extinguishers of ten years ago. These have round, dipping brims softly shading your eyes.

CROWNLESS BRIMS softly curving to follow the lines of your head (you see one here in picture 3), and filled in with clusters of big flowers. Charmingly feminine.

SPORTS HATS made of light felts, with brims which dip both front and back, reaching sometimes almost to the nape of your neck at the back. With crowns which are split and often two-peaked. With no sort of trimming except perhaps a band of petersham.

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EACH of these hats is as smart, as new, as the other. One thing they have in common is that they are all worn tilted forward, shading your face. Newest straws are coarse, woven, and plaited; there's one made our of silver paper.

Trimmings vary from wings, birds' heads, even whole birds, to big life-like imitations of flowers, ribbon streamers, and stiff bows and veils of net. Colours pick up the tints of the new frocks, all shades of reds and blues, black white and egg-yolk yellow.

CRITICISMS WANTED

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MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done Prices in Pesos
Antamok	.56
Atok	Unq.
Baguio Gold	.21½
Benguet Consolidated	9.80
Coco Grove	.57
Consolidated Mines	Unq.
Demonstration,	.37½
I.X.L.	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.
San Mauricio	.51
Suyoc	.19½
United Paracale	.42½

The tone of the market:—Steady.

SIAM GIVEN NEW RUBBER QUOTA

London, Mar. 13.

According to a *communique* which is to be published to-morrow, it is recommended that Siam be allotted the following basic quotas of rubber production for five years from 1939 to 1943: For 1939, 54,500 tons, for 1940 55,300 tons, for 1941 55,700 tons, for 1942 56,000 tons and for 1943, 60,000 tons.

The percentages of the basic quotas were fixed by the International Committee, and they apply to Siam under the condition that minimum annual export of 41,000 tons is guaranteed.

The minimum area for new planting of 31,000 acres is to be allowed Siam during the five years.—*Reuter.*

FIREMEN CALLED FROM DRILL TO BEDROOM BLAZE

Firemen attached to the Connaught Road Fire Station were hurriedly called in from drill on the vacant allotment near the Kowloon Post Office shortly before 9 o'clock this morning to answer an alarm from Parkes Street.

Four engines and the police emergency van were despatched to the scene, where a small fire in a second floor bedroom was extinguished within a few minutes with water buckets.

The alarm was given at peak traffic hours, and traffic to and from the Jordan Road Ferry was held up for about ten minutes by the large crowd which quickly filled the street.

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T.T. Batavia	.55⅛
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	.05¾
T.T. France	9.00
T.T. Germany	.76¾
T.T. Switzerland	133¾
T.T. Australia	1/6⅛
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Doctor Says "Here Is Cancer Germ"

TELLS OF LONG HUNT

(By A Correspondent)

Vienna.

DR. FRANZ GERLACH, forty-seven-year-old bacteriologist in the Austrian Government veterinary service, gave a delicate twist to his ultra-powerful microscope and said to me: "There they are. You are the first layman to have seen the germs of cancer."

Through the microscope, against a dark background, I saw little pinpricks of light like the smallest stars. They remained quite still.

Dr. Gerlach, after fifteen years' research, announced to scientists in Vienna that he has succeeded in making visible the ultra-microscopic germs that cause cancer, hydrophobia, foot-and-mouth disease, and influenza.

INFECTED HIMSELF

Tall, with greying hair, he talked to me about his discoveries as he demonstrated slides on which were tiny cultures of millions of germs—enough to kill half of Vienna's two million people, he explained.

He said: "These germs are the smallest living bodies we know. Compared to them the germs that cause tuberculosis are like an elephant to a mouse.

"I have been able to make them visible by this new microscope, which uses ultra-violet rays. It has taken us fifteen years in this laboratory to find a substance which would mix with the cultures and cause the germs to show against their background."

He held up his forefinger. "Twice I pricked myself with a needle in this finger during experiments on hydrophobia. I went right away to have serum injections, but it was awful to recognise the disease symptoms as they appeared and to wonder whether I had been in time.

NEARER TO CURE

"With this discovery we are nearer to a cure—we have at least found out that the germs that cause cancer, hydrophobia, influenza and foot-and-mouth disease are similar.

"But what it is that sets the germs at work we do not know yet. May be that will take a lifetime to discover.

"Only then can we set about finding how to kill them."

EMPIRE NEWS

ISSUES BEFORE PARLIAMENT

Ottawa,

The Canadian Parliament, in which the Liberal party has an overwhelming majority, meets to-morrow.

No fireworks are expected, but three important topics are likely to be debated in the five months during which Parliament is expected to be in session. They are defence, tariffs and the export of hydro-electric power to the United States.

The Budget, as a whole, is likely to be a relatively simple matter, and will almost certainly be balanced. The proposed new trade pacts, involving Britain, the United States and Canada, are not likely to be completed before the Budget is introduced.

Fund for Agriculture.—Legislation in the interests of the Farmers' Union is predicted in the Quebec Provincial Legislature. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Dussault, is submitting bills for improving the condition of farmers. It is expected that there will be a £2,000,000 increase in the Farm Loan, and that there will be an increased budget for agriculture.

Export Figures.—Exports of Canadian products for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending March 31 amounted to a gross value of £170,852,894, compared with £163,164,345 for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The United Kingdom took goods valued at £64,131,106, compared with £64,825,500.—*Exchange.*

Butter from New Zealand.—New Zealand is exporting record butter shipments, totalling 1,375 tons, to Canada owing to a shortage here.

ALBERTA DECISION

Ottawa.

The Supreme Court to-day reserved judgment in the case involving the constitutionality of the three Alberta bills assent to which was withheld by the Lieut-Governor of Alberta. The bills deal with taxation of banks, control of credit and regulation of the Press.

A week ago the court reserved judgment concerning the powers of the Governor-General in Council to disallow, and of the Lieut-Governor to withhold the Royal Assent to the legislation passed by the Legislature.

Australia

GERMANY AND WORLD PEACE

Melbourne.

Speaking at a Parliamentary luncheon here to-day, Earl De La Warr, Lord Privy Seal, declared that the feeling of his Ministerial colleagues was that war was far from inevitable. "We would," he asserted, "be making the greatest of mistakes if we believed that Germany was facing the future in a spirit of determination for war."

Earl De La Warr expressed the opinion that the German peoples were as apposed to war as the British. He did not believe that it was hopeless to come to some arrangement which would ensure the future peace of the world.—*Exchange.*

ROYAL ROBES GUARDED DAY AND NIGHT BY DETECTIVES

A day and night guard of detectives are protecting the Royal Coronation Robes which have arrived in Australia for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations, opening this week. They will be on display in the National Gallery, states *Austral News*, together with an exhibition of Australian art.

ROMANCE RUMORED—Envy of every Russian woman is dark-eyed Maria Demchenko, collective farm girl, not only because she was recently made a deputy of the Soviet Parliament, but because of her close friendship with Red Dictator Josef Stalin. Stalin has ordered leading Russian professors to educate her.

SACRED GOLD STOOL OF ASHANTI

THE mysterious Golden Stool of Ashanti, which no white man has ever seen, was described to the London *News Chronicle* recently by Prince Cabina Kessie, nephew of Prempeh II., King of Ashanti.

"I have never seen it," said Prince Kessie, "but my mother, sister of the Queen, was allowed as a special mark of honour to gaze upon it, and she told me of it.

"It is solid gold, with no particle of wood, and requires eight men to carry it. In shape it shows Egyptian influence, and is covered with wonderful designs.

"For eight centuries it has represented the soul of Ashanti. Because it was the symbol of sovereignty and national unity the English tried their best to capture it in the Ashanti wars. But its hiding-place is still an inviolate secret."

The stool rests in an underground chamber in a village whose inhabitants from time immemorial have been its sworn guardians,

Prince Kessie added. The identity of the village is secret.

Once a year during the night of ceremonial obeisance by the chiefs it travels swiftly after dark to the royal palace and to the mausoleum where dead Ashanti kings lie in golden coffins. Before dawn it is back in its hiding place.

TOUCH WOULD DEFILE IT

Not even the king himself is allowed to sit on it. He makes the gesture of sitting on it three times, but without touching it. To touch it would be to defile it.

With it lies an Arabian Nights mass of treasure—gold umbrella tops, golden sandals, swords, belts and guns studded with gems.

"There are two other royal stools of gold on wood for ordinary occasions," said Prince Kessie, "and these are sometimes confused with the secret stool."

Prince Kessie finishes his law studies at the Middle Temple in May, when he returns to Ashanti as adviser to the king. For the past 100 years the men of his family have all been educated at Oxford. He broke the tradition by going to the London School of Economics.

Recently he spoke at the City Temple on "Colour Prejudice in London." He believes it is on the increase.

"Quoth The Raven—"

Istanbul.

"Every man between the ages of 18 and 50 must produce the body of a dead raven," decrees the Governor of Tekirdagh, in the Dardanelles zone.

Any male inhabitant between the ages laid down who fails to kill a raven will be liable to a heavy fine.

The reason is that the district is infested with these birds, which are causing great destruction.

The population are also requested to co-operate in the slaughter of wild boars, which, made desperate by the cold, are killing sheep and cattle and even attacking human beings.

"One thousand boars, dead or alive, must be caught this month," the word has gone forth.—Reuter.

NEW STAR FOR HOLLYWOOD.—Hungarian Cinemactress Franciska Gaal is the latest European recruit to Hollywood's studios. She has an important part in the film "Buccaneer," shortly to be released in Hongkong.

NO OATS FOR ARMY HORSES IN ITALY

'SUBSTITUTE' TUNICS FOR SOLDIERS

Turin.

The use of substitutes, which has for some time been general among the Italian public under the Self-Sufficiency Plan, has now been extended to the army. It is hoped to dispense with imported textiles for uniforms and imported oats for horses' fodder.

Changes in Army supplies are the first results of a plan drafted by Gen. Parnini, Under-Secretary for War. From now on cavalry and artillery horses will be fed on cakes made of refuse and various by-products. These include:

Bran siftings, molasses and cocoa pods;

Skins and crushed seeds of grapes and other vintage by-products;

Tomato skins and seeds, olive husks, rice husks, and beans;

Brewers' by-products and powdered animal blood;

Flour from leguminous plants, mineral salts and chopped hay and straw;

Cotton seed remains after the extraction of the oil, and

Refuse from the military bakeries.

At Naples a factory has been built for the sole purpose of manufacturing the new fodder. There is another one near Bologna.

The food is said to keep well and to be much easier to transport than oats.

The Italian soldiers' new uniforms are to be made of wool mixed with 30 to 50 per cent. of rayon flock.

City Healthy For Babies

Adelaide.

This city has just established a world record during the past year for low infant mortality. The rate fell to 23 per thousand births as compared with 55 per thousand during the nine preceding years.

CLOSING THE OPEN DOOR IN MANCHUKUO

By Henry Wood
United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, Feb. 25.

Two new blows have just been delivered by the Manchukuan government to the already tottering Open Door policy in that country, according to a survey of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

These are:

1. The announcement by the prime minister of Manchukuo that it is the intention of the government to discontinue all extra-territorial treatment formerly granted to foreign residents in Manchukuo.

2. The enactment of a foreign control act which will enable the government to restrict immensely the importation of goods from all countries except Japan.

These two measures follow a list of several others all of which have had for their objective the curtailing of the open door policy. Most important of these to date was the creation of a state monopoly on oil products which forced all of the large foreign-owned oil companies out of Manchukuo.

The significance of these measures, the Institute reports, is that while tending to close the open door in Manchukuo to other nations, they all work out favourably for Japan.

As a matter of fact, Japan opened the way for the announcement of the Manchukuan prime minister that extra-territorial rights in the treatment of foreign nationals will be discontinued by signing a treaty with Manchukuo, which became effective Dec. 1, in which Japan voluntarily renounced her own extra-territorial privileges.

The Institute finds that Japan was able to do this without prejudice to herself by virtue of the fact she has already secured the creation in Manchukuo of a set of laws, courts and prisons, all based on the Japanese model and liberally staffed by Japanese officials.

NO EXTRATERRITORIALITY

Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen and other foreigners residing in Manchukuo will, under the new order of things, no longer have the right to be tried before their own courts, but will be passed on by the Manchukuan juridical regime.

While this places them on the same basis as the Japanese, such is not the case with the new foreign exchange control law which discriminates against foreign interests.

Protest against its application has already been made by the British consul-general on the grounds that it discriminates in favour of the Japanese and violates the principle of equal commercial opportunity for all.

The United States consulate at Mukden has also protested against the application of the new banking act to the Manchurian branches of the National City Bank of New York, under which quite a few foreign privileges are to be suppressed.

The new foreign exchange control act follows closely the one put into effect by Japan last year, and gives the government complete control over all importations by either granting or refusing to grant the necessary foreign exchange with which to pay for them.

However, an exception is made in the case of importations from Japan.

According to semi-official reports, licences for the importation of such luxuries as jewellery, cosmetics, cameras, cigars, cigarettes, high-priced motor cars and similar articles will not be granted.

Exchange for such imports as wheat, flour, sugar, paper, tea, watches, clocks, silk and rayon textiles, and canned goods, which are produced in Manchukuo, or for which substitutes are obtainable in Japan, will be "strictly restricted," according to this report.

Imports of raw materials like raw cotton, and wool will not be permitted in excess of domestic demand.

This new law not only gives the Manchukuan government the power to close the "open door" but also the power to favour "friendly" nations such as Germany and Japan, and presumably Italy which is also aligned with the Nipponese.—*United Press.*

UNTHINKABLE!

Of course you would not give your baby a cigar or adult food because you know babies require special care and treatment. That is why you spend so much time in the preparation of his special food. Yet when baby's system is upset and he is troubled with colic, diarrhea, sour stomach, indigestion or constipation, are you careful to use only medicine that has been made especially for him? Castoria is the ideal remedy for your child because it has been prepared especially for infants and children. It is mild, pleasant-tasting and easy to take. The next time your baby is upset by some simple child ailment, use Castoria, safe for even the newborn infant.

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This Course is closed on **Tuesday, 15th March till 11 a.m.,** owing to a parade of the Royal Navy.

HONG KONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fourth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Thursday, the 24th March, 1938, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
S. R. KERR,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

DENIES PURSE STEALING

DEFENDANT ACCUSES CROWN WITNESS

A pick-pocket at the Central Magistracy this morning accused one of the prosecution's witnesses of having committed the theft. Only because the witness could speak English, he had blamed him, Kwong Tam, defendant, declared from the dock.

Defendant was charged before Mr. R. Edwards with larceny from Mrs. E. Sander of No. 528 The Peak, outside Pedder Building on Saturday afternoon.

Alfred V. Lal stated he saw defendant extracting the purse from complainant, and caught him when he attempted to abscond.

Mrs. Sander, in the witness box, said that she was with a lady friend, and suddenly felt a tug in her coat pocket. On turning around saw defendant running.

Defendant gave evidence saying that he was a business man, a Chinese pen dealer of a big concern; and denied the charge.

His Worship found defendant guilty and sentenced him to two months' imprisonment.

NOTICE.

RENTS COMMISSION

The Rents Commission invites Landlords and Tenants to submit, in writing, any facts which they wish to bring to the Commission's notice in respect of the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of of Victoria and Kowloon having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years, and the extent to which and the manners in which tenants and landlords have been and are being affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hong Kong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year.

The Commission will, after consideration of written statements, request the writers of such statements as appear helpful or relevant to appear and give oral testimony before it at the Urban Council Chamber (top floor, Post Office Building), at such time and date as may be notified.

All communications should be addressed to The Secretary, Rents Commission, C/o. Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and will be treated as confidential if desired.

R. J. MINNITT,
Secretary, Rents Commission.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

CHINA MOVES TO PROTECT CURRENCY

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may be delivered on the day on which the reply is communicated.

(5) Banks to which foreign exchange has been provided by the Central Bank of China may be requested by the latter to furnish a statement of the disposition of such exchange.

(6) This procedure shall come into effect upon announcement by the Ministry of Finance.—*United Press.*

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE RENTS QUESTION

The General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposes, if deemed advisable, to make representation to the Government of Hongkong in support of tenants whose rents have been unreasonably increased or who have been evicted despite prompt payment of rent.

To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government, residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to **Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.**

All replies will be treated confidentially.

Note: Whether your rent has been increased or not, please make a return so as to enable the Association to judge approximately what proportion of tenants have been victimised.

Name .....

Address .....

Name of Landlord .....

Flat or House .....

Are you principal or sub-tenant? .....

Rent paid on June 30, 1937 $ .....

" " " September 30, 1937 $ .....

" " " December 31, 1937 $ .....

" " " February 28, 1938 $ .....

What was your rent when you first occupied the premises? $ ....

.....

Has your Landlord evicted you? .....

For what reason .....

Were you in arrears with your rent? .....

Are you a satisfied tenant? .....

Remarks .....

.....

ANGRY LONDONERS MARCH ON GERMAN EMBASSY

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lations with Germany and Italy."—*United Press.*

British Cabinet Meeting To-day

London, March 13.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary, devoted themselves chiefly to-day to drafting the statement which they are submitting to a meeting of the Cabinet called for tomorrow morning to consider the Austrian situations.

The French Ambassador and the Czecho-Slovakian Minister called at the Foreign Office and were received by a high permanent official.

It was stated at the Czecho-Slovak Legation that rumours that Czecho-Slovakia was making a political *demarche* asking Britain for assurances with regard to her security should be treated with great reserve, as the Legation was unaware of such steps.

The British Minister in Vienna has been instructed to return to London to report on the situation. He is leaving on Monday.—Reuter.

Austrian Army To Swear Fealty

Munich, Mar. 13.

Detachments of Austrian soldiers are moving into Germany, and the first troops are en route to Munich where they will be received by notable personalities.

A Berlin message says that a proclamation by Herr Hitler from Linz states that "All members hitherto of the Austrian federal army shall immediately be sworn in to me as their supreme commander."

The Austrian army numbers about 37,000.

Herr Hitler has commissioned Regional Governor Buerkel of the Saar district to undertake the reorganisation of the National-Socialist Workmen's Party in Austria, and, as acting head of the Nazi Party, to make preparations for a plebiscite.—*Reuter.*

Hungary Wants To Keep Independence

Budapest, Mar. 13.

The influence of the events in Austria was shown at a meeting here of 5,000 Hungarian Nazis, at which there was a liberal display of Swastikas. A speaker said that Germany, as proof of good faith, ought to return to Hungary the Austrian province of Burgenland, part of which went to Austria as a result of the post-war plebiscite.

He emphasised that Hungarian independence must be preserved, but he attacked the Hungarian Government for "putting the brakes on", instead of acting like Germany and Italy, and disregarding the western powers.—*Reuter.*

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship
"MARECHAL JOFFRE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via ports etc., arrived Hongkong on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th March, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs:—Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th March, 1938, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd April, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th March, 1938, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

DOMINATION OF AUSTRIA COMPLETE

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ordered all citizens, except Jews, to wear swastikas and to greet Hitler with "Heil Hitler!"

It is reported that Dr. Seyss-Inquart is seeking a safe conduct for Dr. Schuschnigg to Zurich or Berne.

Plotter For Cabinet

Meanwhile the Minister of Security, Herr Michael Skubl has resigned, leaving no non-Nazi among members of the Cabinet. There are indications that Herr Hans Stenhaesel, sentenced to 10 years' hard labour in connection with the murder of Dr. Dolffuss, will replace Herr Skubl.

Apparently Dr. Miklas expected the resignation of Dr. Schuschnigg in order to prevent a military invasion of the country. He told close friends that he had been "betrayed" and that he refused to remain a "window dummy" for Hitler.—*United Press.*

Excitement Wanes

Vienna, Mar. 13.

An official announcement of the Austrian President's resignation has been made. Dr. Wilhelm Miklas has surrendered his functions at the request of Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, after which the presidential duties devolved on Dr. Seyss-Inquart in accordance with the Austrian Constitution of 1934.

Later came the announcement that Dr. Miklas had resigned the presidency and Dr. Seyss-Inquart had assumed those duties.

It is stated that the German army in Austria is now approximately 6,000 strong.

There was less excitement in Vienna to-day, although there were numerous processions of Hitler Youth. The Austrian Government will now have to make a formal declaration to the League of Nations, and it will not be surprising if it announces the country's withdrawal from the League.

The law enacted for bringing into effect the "anschluss" between Austria and Germany is called the Federal and Constitutional Law regarding the Re-Union of Austria with the German Reich.

Plebiscite On April 10

It is announced that the Federal Government has resolved firstly, that Austria is a State of the German Reich, and secondly, that on April 10, 1938, a free and secret plebiscite of German men and women of Austria, over 20 years of age, will be held regarding the reunion with the German Reich.

It was stated to-day that the Austrian Ministers in London, Paris and Prague had been recalled.

It was officially stated to-night that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, is confined to his private apartments at Belvedere Castle, Vienna.

A Berlin message says that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, who visited London last week for conferences with Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, arrived in Berlin by air from Croydon this evening.

"I Shall Never Forget This"

A further message states that Herr Adolf Hitler telegraphed Signor Benito Mussolini from Linz thanking Il Duce for his attitude with regard to Austria. The message stated: "I shall never forget this."

Another Berlin message says that Herr Hitler has incorporated the Austrian army into the German army, and placed it under the command of General von Boeck.—*Reuter.*

DAIRY FARM CLERK HELD FOR LARCENY

THREE OTHERS FOR "RECEIVING"

A clerk named Chan Lai-chuen of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Ltd., was to-day charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy with larceny. He was remanded for a week. It was stated that he is defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Senior.

Chan is alleged to have stolen on March 12 from the Dairy Farm, Nathan Road, three pounds 11 ounces of cooked ham, six pounds six ounces of bacon, three chickens, five-and-half pounds of sausages, 22 pounds of lamb, five pounds six ounces of Argentine fillet steak, two-and-half pounds of tongue and six pounds six ounces of Danish Gammon.

In connection with the case, three other persons, Wu Kam-wing, 20, delivery coolie of a Chinese Compradore shop, Li Oi-yuk, 27, woman, and Cheung Pat, 32, unemployed, were charged with receiving stolen property.

The case is in charge of Detective-Sergeant Mottram.

PRISONER FAILS TO ANSWER CHARGE

When the name of a district watchman, Li Hon-sang, 27, was called out at the Kowloon Magistracy today on a charge of having attempted to obtain a bribe, it was not responded to.

The man's counsel, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, was in Court and he applied for extension of time for his client's bail to stand. Instead of being estreated and a warrant for arrest issued. Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, the Magistrate, granted the application.

Li Hon-sang was last week remanded for three days to obtain bail, Thursday, March 17, being the day fixed for the hearing of the case which is in the hands of Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey.

HEROIC FOREIGNERS STAY IN DANGER ZONE TO SAVE CHINESE WOUNDED

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first line treatment. They had no tetanus anti-toxin and many died from tetanus before they reached me.

DREADFUL WOUNDS

"Most of the wounds were caused by machine-guns, but there were a few abdominal wounds and a remarkably large number of chest wounds, indicating that they had really been fighting. I saw no dum-dum bullet wounds, no gas cases, but lots with maggots.

"The military authorities co-operated excellently and we had little trouble with the wounded, except for the time when they threw their rice bowls at the doctors and beat the servants with sticks. If they tried any monkey business we stepped on them right away, and they soon settled down.

"The Chinese wounded are very stoical."

ORGANISED STRETCHER CORPS

Dr. Ayers made stoves from gasolene cans and built a small windmill generator to charge the radio battery in order to get news of the outside world.

At present he has organised a hospital stretcher corps with six stretchers. When a bomb hits the group proceeds to rescue the wounded. Two stretchers have been stolen.

Dr. Ayers' hospitals at Chengchow are the only mission hospitals really functioning during the bombings. Soldiers bring in soldiers and police bring in police when they are wounded. Nobody brings in the rest, and, said Dr. Ayers, "If the stretcher corps did not go out they would die on the streets."

After the first Chengchow bombing five Chinese doctors evacuated. One remained and 33 Chinese nurses also stuck by.

WANTS AMBULANCE

Dr. Ayers intends to raise money to buy an ambulance and go to the front line to bring back the wounded, but he is not able to find an automobile. "We get 50 cents a day for each soldier and refugee from the Red Cross, who give us instruments, drugs, bedding and clothes, and we also receive 20 cents for soldiers and 25 cents for officers from the military. So we have about broken even," said Mr. Ayers.

Dr. Ayers has spread the largest American flag I have ever seen over the whole of the property. He ridicules the suggestion that he is heroic, and jokingly declares: "I hadn't sense enough to leave, I had a job and didn't know where to get another."

Recently some assistants arrived, including Miss Grace Gibberd of London, Ontario, Miss Pearl Raid of Kinmay, Ontario, Miss Kate Murray of South Carolina, and Dr. D. Hankey of London. The Rev. Wilson Fielder of Texas, mission worker, also recently returned to Chengchow.—*United Press.*

Nude Girl Splashes Mud at Art Show

Paris.

SMARTLY dressed women splashed with mud by a nude actress swathed in chains . . . .

A woman in a torn night-dress screaming on a luxurious bed . . . .

These were among the amazing sights at the opening here to-day of the International Surrealist Exhibition, one of the most fantastic collections of pictures and objects ever seen.

The Surrealists claim that they try to "bring the sub-conscious to the surface"; they have brought up some very peculiar things indeed.

More than 3,000 men and women, many well known in Paris society, attended the opening, and police had to be rushed there to control the excited throng.

COAL-SACKS CEILING

Beautiful unclothed wax models decorated with little metal spoons, a broken egg, a saucepan and oil stove, mushrooms, bottles, and an illuminated sheep's skull, lined the entrance corridor. Each weird figure was said to symbolise an imaginary Paris street.

The bewildered guests passed on into the dimly-lit "nightmare room," which was strewn with dead leaves and covered by a ceiling of coal sacks.

Against the walls were a number of luxurious beds, decked in canary coloured satin. Screams of horror and confused cries poured through the gloom from a hidden gramophone.

"That represents a confused dream," said a Surrealist. "These luxury beds in this rough leaf-strewn room express the manner in which the sleeper often imagines he is being carried to another place."

A pool of water fringed with pampas grass lay beside one bed. There it was that the closely packed guests witnessed an almost incredible demonstration. From the sheets leapt a beautiful actress, Helene Vanel, with chains tied round her nude body.

A moment later she was splashing frenziedly in the pool, kicking the muddy water over the exquisite dresses of the startled women.

"That's realism at any rate," chuckled a cynical man, standing well out of the way of the water.

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Haiphong	Canton	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 3rd February	Agamemnon	March 18.
Straits	Bhutan	March 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	March 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaisar-I-Hind	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Liangchow	March 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Monday		
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Mon., March 14.
	K. P. O.	
	Reg.,	March 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	March 14, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Reg.,	March 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	March 15, 8 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March.	Taiping	Mon., Mar. 14,
	Parcels,	Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 15, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., Mar. 15, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 23rd March	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues., Mar. 15.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 15, 8 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by the "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 19th March	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues., Mar. 15.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 15, 8 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Tues., Mar. 15.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Tues., Mar. 15, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaying	Tues., Mar. 15, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua and Rabaul, *Sydney and *Melbourne	Neptuna	Tues., Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.15 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fausang	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chekiang	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kaigan	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Wed., March 16, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai and *Japan	Ranpura	Thurs., Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 4th April.	Empress of Russia	Thurs., Mar. 17.
	Parcels,	Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kitano Maru	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Nanning	Fri., Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Fri., Mar. 18.
	Parcels	Mar. 18, 11 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 18, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Fri., March 18, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th April.	Kaisar-I-Hind	Fri., Mar. 18,
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Sat., March 19, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th March.	Kaisar-I-Hind	Sat., Mar. 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "France-Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 3rd April	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Mar. 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	March 19, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	March 19, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., March 19, 5p.m.
Manila, Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 11th April	Conte Biancamano	Sat., March 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	March 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.,	March 19, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th April	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Mar. 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	March 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.,	March 19, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 27th March.	Pan American Airways Plane	Sat., Mar. 19,
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 20, 6 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

LIVELY FIGHTING ON LUNGHAI FRONT

Hankow, Mar. 14.

Trains on the Lunghai railway are still running in spite of the continued shelling of Chinese positions at Tungkwan and Shenhsien by the Japanese forces. Since the Lunghai railway runs close to the bank of the Yellow River, the Shenhsien and Tungkwan trains usually make the trip at night, headed by armoured trains which have been replying to the Japanese gunfire.

The situation in the vicinity of Hanchen on the south bank of the Fen River is reported to be tense, due to repeated Japanese attempts to cross the Yellow River at that point, into Shensi.

Heavy Chinese reinforcements are due to arrive on the west bank of the great waterway to strengthen the Chinese defence there.

300,0000 VILLAGERS MOBILISED

In the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, the Japanese forces appear to be making preparations to clear up the Chinese mobile columns which are operating at Taishen, China's sacred mountain, east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Following the evacuation of Tsinan, capital of the Shantung province, and of Tsingtao, Admiral Shen Hung-lie, former Mayor of Tsingtao, and newly-appointed Governor of Shantung, has organised 300,000 villagers in East Shantung into mobile columns. These columns have been operating in the hills east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway and along the Kiatsi railway. Their object has been to harass railway communications.

On the other hand, the Japanese forces appear to be determined to clear the railway zone of Chinese forces before launching a drive south along the Tientsin-Pukow railway towards Hsuchow.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE SUFFER SERIOUS REVERSE

Hsuchow, Mar. 14.

Completely outmanoeuvering the Japanese forces, Chinese defenders of Lini in eastern Shantung on the right wing of the north Tientsin-Pukow line routed a strong force of 13,000 Japanese troops in a sanguinary battle last week and are now marching towards Hochiachuang in pursuit.

During the terrific engagement which definitely saved the situation at Lini, described as the gateway of eastern Shantung, the Japanese suffered no less than 4,000 casualties.

Chinese defenders, using effectively machine-guns and hand grenades during the close range struggle, lost approximately 2,500 killed and wounded.

The Japanese opened their assault on the city with devastating artillery fire. Chinese troops hidden in nearby villages, did not reply until the Japanese infantry were within close range.

Throughout the fighting, the Chinese relied mainly on the use of hand-grenades.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE SUFFER REVERSE

Sian, March 14.

In a series of guerilla encounters with the Japanese forces in Shansi, Chinese troops fighting in the vicinity of Kiaocheng and Wenshui southwest of Taiyuan, have killed more than 1,000 Japanese during the past two weeks.

Instructed by the high command to harass the Japanese southward advance along the Fen River, the Chinese forces have cut the communication line between Kiaocheng and points south. Five thousand Japanese, it is stated, have been detained in Wenshui because of the interruption.

Actively employing guerilla tactics, the hard-hitting and quick-moving Chinese forces in several encounters with the Japanese have damaged more than 100 of their motor trucks and seized large quantities of arms and ammunition, aside from inflicting heavy casualties.

First ordered to destroy the highway communication south of Taiyuan, they actually reached the outskirts of Taiyuan in the middle of last month when they were again instructed to move south.—*Central News.*

CHINESE CONTROL DELTA

Ningpo, Mar. 14.

The Kiangsu delta, an area of 6,000 square miles covering Fenghsien, Nanwei and Chwansha in the southeastern corner of the province, is now under the complete control of the Chinese forces.

Cutting off the Shanghai-Hangchow highway at Fenghsien, 10,000 Chinese troops, fully armed and equipped, seriously threaten the Japanese forces at Klashing and Hangchow.

A number of public safety bureaux have been established by the Chinese authorities in important localities, while pacification work is under way.

Close contact is being maintained with Chinese troops fighting on western Chekiang.

All the Chinese magistrates at Fenghsien, Chwansha and Nanwei are now on duty in their districts.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE RAID STATIONS

Hsuchow, Mar. 14.

Various important stations on the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway have been subjected to severe aerial bombings by Japanese during the last few days.

Numerous civilians were killed and wounded, while many houses were demolished.

Three bombs were dropped on a theological seminary established by an American missionary at Tenghsien, while four landed on a German Catholic Church. Over 20 people were reported to have been killed or wounded at these two points.—*Central News.*

INSURGENT ADVANCE NOW SWIFT

Many Prisoners And Guns Captured

Saragossa, Mar. 13.

The Nationalist advance on the Aragon front is described here as apparently becoming a walk-over.

An area of 1,075 miles was captured in four days and the Nationalist vanguard is now only 60 miles from the Catalan coast.

Villages are being captured which were never in the fighting zone before, and many prisoners and much material, including two complete batteries, are said to have been taken.

General Monasterio's cavalry is especially active in rounding-up prisoners.—*Reuter.*

INVESTIGATES PROGRESS OF PARKS PLAN

Mr. W. N. T. Tam, pursuant to notice, will ask at the Urban Council Meeting to-morrow: "In connection with the scheme to provide two parks, one on the island and the other on the mainland, to be known as King George V Memorial parks, will the chairman kindly state what progress has been made in the matter?"

"WEAK-MINDED" THIEF TO DO HARD LABOUR

A Chinese youth, attired in smart European clothes through his solicitor pleaded for leniency when he was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of $130 Shanghai currency from Chuk Wah, at the Star Ferry wharf, Connaught Road Central.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for defendant and pleaded guilty, saying that defendant had been ill for some time and had a weak mind. He had committed the offence on the moment's impulse. Counsel also mentioned that his client committed a larceny of some clothing about two years ago, and that again was on the impulse of the moment. He asked his Worship to deal with defendant leniently.

His Worship: Do you mean your client is weak-minded medically?

Mr. Remedios: I don't know whether weak-minded morally or medically; my instructions from his sisters only said that he was weak-minded.

His Worship: Shall I remand him for medical examination?

Mr. Remedios: I leave the matter entirely in your Worship's hands.

Four previous convictions were revealed, and defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and two years' police supervision.

Inspector Whelan prosecuted.

CABLE REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN

A notice issued by the Harbour Department states that cable repairs are being carried out in the cable reserve between Kowloon and Victoria.

The vessels employed will display the regulation signals.

BRAG—AND WIN

(Continued from Page 6.)

ist who claims his annihilation of time and distance is more likely to drive carefully and skilfully than recklessly. In endeavouring to justify his words he gives the maximum concentration to the job in hand. The sportsman who tells all and sundry of the infallibility of a favourite bat or club will strike the ball with that supreme confidence which sends it where he wills.

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POLICY OF ISOLATION WINS MORE ADHERENTS

World Events Shape Opinion In U.S.

Pin Faith To Mighty Navy

Washington, Mar. 13.

Adolf Hitler's lightning thrust in Austria detonated a bombshell under the Roosevelt foreign policy as legislative leaders of all groups, isolationist or otherwise, united to warn against any "marriage of any sort" involving the United States deeper in international affairs.

Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California, veteran of the bitter League of Nations fight in the Senate after the Versailles Treaty, announced he would support the President's $1,000,000,000 naval expansion programme in order to assure that the United States "be kept American for Americans."

At the same time, however, Senator Johnson vigorously attacked the Administration's foreign policy, which he said had become more and more confused in the past year as new crises developed throughout the world.

The veteran orator said he heard that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, had intended to steer a course parallel with that of other Democracies until the recent cabinet crisis in England.

CHAMBERLAIN CRITICISED

"Then," he added, "Mr. Chamberlain went off on a tangent to deal with dictators. . . . Idealism and the good neighbour policy went out the window in Britain, when it came to the test."

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat of Illinois and an authority on foreign affairs, predicted that the European conflict eventually would unite Italy, Germany and Japan behind Japanese dominance in the Orient.

He charged that the British attitude in the Anglo-American dispute over Canton and Enderbury Islands indicated that Britain had joined the movement for Japanese supremacy in the Far East. He denounced the reported move to settle the dispute by providing for joint control of the islands.

Representative Taylor, Democrat of Tennessee, said that the only nation the United States might conceivably fight was Japan, and believed that relation between the two countries already were on the mend. As evidence he cited the assurances that Japan had no designs on American islands in the Pacific, and the withdrawal from the Alaskan fisheries.

WILL OPPOSE APPROPRIATION

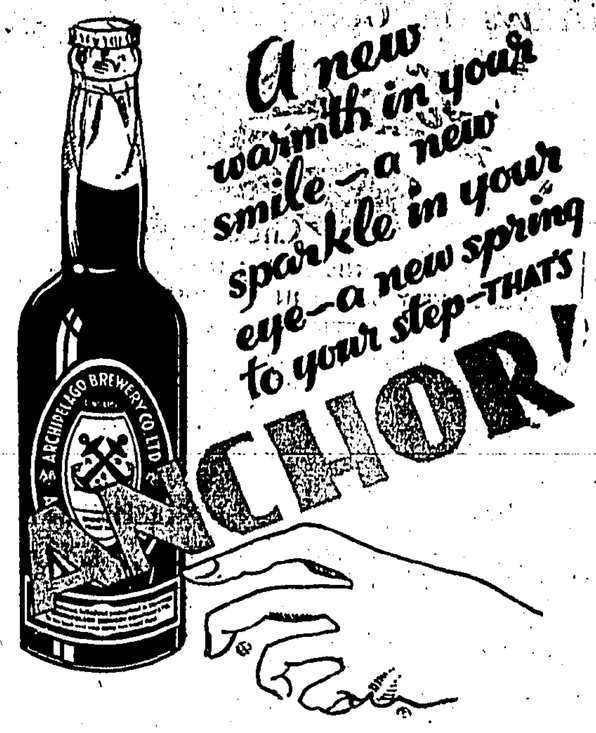
"I am not going to vote a billion dollar appropriation to gratify a few admirals and greedy munitions men," he declared.

Political observers here believed the net result of the Austro-German development in the United States would be a strengthening of isolationist sentiment and a considerable increase in support for the naval programme shortly to be put to the test of House and Senate debate.

President Roosevelt's majority in Congress is such that the naval programme, with its huge expansion in ships of the line and cruisers, was always considered safe, but the mid-West agricultural legislators and other groups traditionally anti-Navy were expected to force lengthy debate and possibly some modification. This possibility was believed tonight to have been greatly lessened.—*United Press.*

WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

The World Bridge Olympic will be held on April 20. It is anticipated that arrangements will be made in Hongkong to enable those interested to compete.



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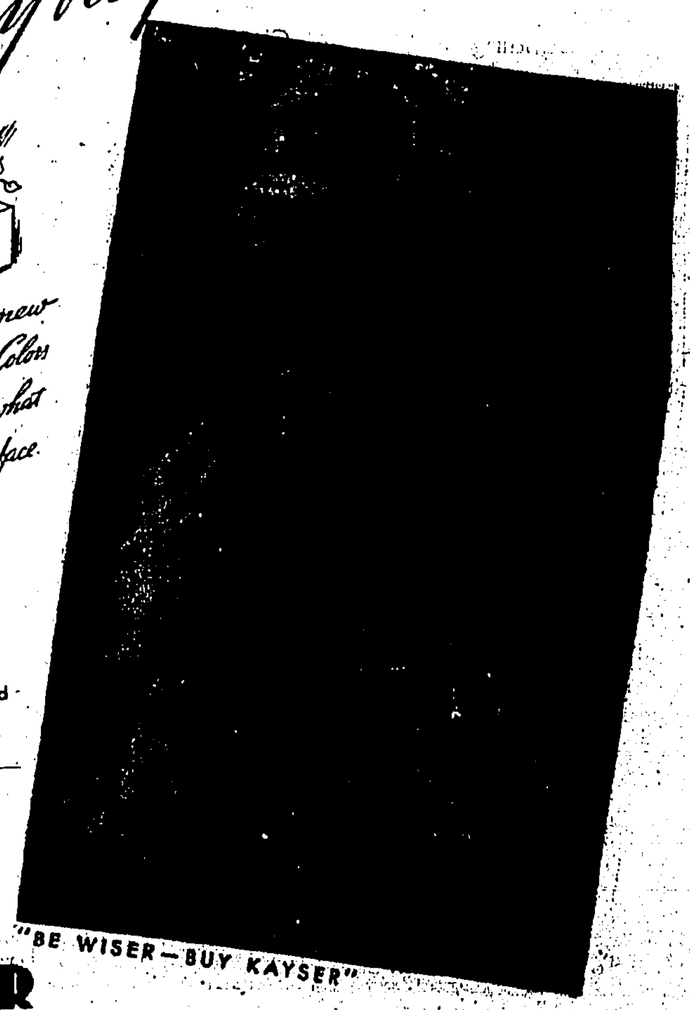

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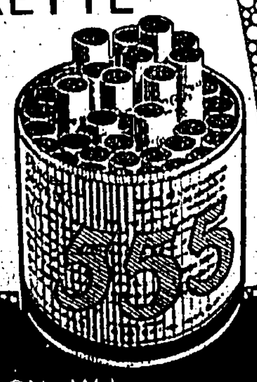

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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1938.

DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

The official German press, just before German troops invaded Austria, labelled the Schuschnigg Government's plan for a national plebiscite as anything but democratic. It was, the press declared, no fair test of the opinion of the nation. Even Nazis, it was suggested, would be forced to vote "yes" to the Government's request for an expression of approval, or otherwise, of its policies. The German argument will not impress neutrals that the corrective steps taken by Herr Hitler were exactly in accord with the accepted idea of democracy. Nor is it by any means proved by the German declaration that the Austrian plebiscite would have been the tragi-comedy they stigmatised it. Conditions had not reached the same state in Austria three days ago that they had when the Nazis came to power in Berlin. There was unrest and discontent, to be sure. But they arose from quarrels which were by no means hopeless; and left to her own devices there is every reason to believe that Austria would have solved them in time, for Austrians are practical and well-balanced people, much like the German themselves. Whatever the excuses, however Herr Hitler's action is explained or justified in Germany, the world which knows the meaning of democracy will not condone it. Because there is a squabble in a neighbour's home that is no reason for interference by friends or relatives if intercession is not wanted.

While it is to be hoped that the crisis has been safely passed and that no new aggravating incidents will be added to the tension of Europe, the Austrian coup will not be readily forgotten, particularly by Germany's neighbour states. It has done nothing to alleviate the ever-present and recently growing fear that boundaries will be upset by ambitious powers in defiance of treaty and pact and protestations of peaceful intentions. The fact that Germany marched over a frontier and took the risk of war, remote as it may have been, leaves one with the uneasy feeling that the olive branch which has been nourished by Berlin's ministers might wither overnight.

We shall not try to probe the ethics of the German seizure of Austria, for that is what it amounts to. It is well-known that many millions of the Austrian people are Germans by blood and that they have claims of kinship which encourage the desire for the protection, political and economic, which union with the powerful Fatherland brings to them. At the same time there is another vast number of persons, not Germans, who have no desire for that union; have even fought the idea of "anschluss." How much more will they detest the fact of government from Berlin! It will be interesting, in view of Germany's demands for considerate treatment of German minorities elsewhere, to see how she treats the non-German "minority" in Austria, which, when it comes right down to it, is probably a large majority—but now a politically voiceless one. People like the unfortunate Dr. Schuschnigg will probably be asked to leave. Still less fortunate political opponents will possibly spend a good few of their days in prison. And yet the German press has talked of un-democratic government in Vienna!

WHAT NEXT in CENTRAL EUROPE?

EVENTS during the week-end have opened a new chapter in the history of one of Europe's oldest and most complicated problems—the question of Austria.

That country owes its importance to geography. The Danube Valley is the main artery of travel or invasion from east to west in Europe, and across the head of it, where Austria lies, run the chief European communications from north to south.

Vienna stands at the greatest cross-roads of the whole continent.

From the beginnings of history people have been streaming to and fro over Austrian territory.

The Romans marched down the Danube in one direction; 1,000 years later the Turks came marching up it in the other; caravans of mediæval German traders from the north there met companies of priests and scholars setting out from Italy.

With so much movement along and across it, the Valley of the Danube gradually became a very cosmopolitan place. Slavs, Teutons, and Magyars live there not only in close proximity but mixed up each with the others. Pre-war Austria - Hungary counted a dozen races and as many tongues.

Until 20 years ago this political jigsaw puzzle had been under the sovereign authority first of the Holy Roman Empire and then of its successor, the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Statesmen who looked into the Central European question had always made up their minds that it was too dangerous to touch.

Harassed Area

AT the end of the Great War a bolder spirit prevailed. President Wilson had launched the magic slogan of "self-determination," and by a series of minor treaties, drafted by the "second strings" of the Peace Conference and signed in various suburbs of Paris, the old Austro-Hungarian Empire was split up into much-disputed racial fractions.

Since then Central Europe has been a harassed area where unredressed grievances, unsatisfied ambitions, and ancient enmities have flourished exceedingly. Everyone wants to remake the shattered jigsaw puzzle in his own way.

The isolation of the German core of the former heterogeneous Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the precarious existence it has since led as an economically unbalanced State of 6,000,000 inhabitants, have aroused in Germany a strong desire to take this impoverished fragment of the German race into closer association.

That desire is shared by many people in Austria who see the probability of better conditions for themselves and their country as part of the reinvigorated German Reich.

Twice, indeed, has Austria publicly declared for such a union—by a plebiscite at the end of 1918, and by an agreement concluded in 1931 to abolish Customs duties between the two countries. On both occasions the former Allied Powers prevented the fulfilment of these measures.

With the access of the National Socialists to power in Germany, under an Austrian-born Leader, the urge to join up the two countries, or at least to create between them the link of sympathetic and like-thinking Governments, such as unites the British Commonwealth of Nations, has become stronger.

Two things have so far delayed the realisation of these aims—the failure of the premature effort of the Austrian Nazis in July 1934 to achieve them by force, and the reluctance of Italy, Germany's new ally, to see the direct influence of the German Government extended right down to her own frontier, whose threshold is occupied by 200,000 Austro-Germans annexed against their will.

German-Speaking

BUT Germany still maintains the purpose of amalgamation, or at least a working agreement, with Austria in the forefront of her foreign programme. It has more than a sentimental and economic attraction for her.

Partnership between Germany and Austria would give the former Power an enveloping position with regard to Czecho-Slovakia, in whose north-western corner live 3,500,000 people of German blood and speech, restive under Czech rule.

"First bring Austria under our wing; then demand autonomy for the German minority of Czecho-Slovakia"—those two resolves are written in bold characters upon the agenda of the Nazi Government.

All Europe is Watching AUSTRIA'S New KEY MEN

By F. W. Memory

TO-DAY all eyes are turned towards Vienna. They are focused on Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austria's 41-years-old Chancellor, and the men he has called to the Council Chamber.

These are the men of the hour—and of some of them the world knows nothing.

The one who will bear the brunt of everything is Von Schuschnigg himself—the man who looks like a country schoolmaster, but as a politician and patriot has few equals in Europe.

He has been Chancellor, or, as we should say, Prime Minister, ever since Dollfuss was assassinated in 1934, and in the troubled years that have passed has stood solidly and stolidly for Austrian independence.

An Austrian First

A PROFESSED Royalist, he has publicly stated that the happiest day of his life will be when the Hapsburgs again occupy the Throne of Austria. But that is a possibility which, as the result of the events of the last few days, has receded into the dim future.

Von Schuschnigg has always had behind him the Fatherland (or Patriotic) Front, but the suggestion now comes from Vienna that the loyalty of this powerful organisation has been shaken by the amnesty granted to those who took part in the 1934 putsch and the assassination of Dollfuss.

It is only during the last few days that the name of Dr. von Seyss-Inquart, the new Minister of the Interior and Security, has been on everyone's lips. He sprang into the fierce limelight when it became known that on his appointment, which carried with it control of the police, hung the fate of Austria.

Above, Dr. Michael Skubl; right, Dr. Guido Schmidt.

Left, Dr. Von Seyss-Inquart

He is by no means a Nazi—a Pan-German yes, but he is an Austrian first.

In 1925 he founded the Austro-German People's League, but it was not until last year that he became a State Counsellor.

Earlier he came under the influence of Dr. Dollfuss, and on the day that the "Pocket Chancellor" was assassinated he had an appointment with him which, if it had taken place, might have brought Seyss-Inquart, now 46, into the political limelight long before this.

As it is, he has been working behind the scenes, doing his utmost to compose Austro-German differences.

Always has he had the confidence of Herr Schuschnigg, for he has made no secret of his conviction that Austria should remain an independent State.

The Police Chief

IN the recent reshuffle Skubl became Under-Secretary to Seyss-Inquart, who nominally controls the police, but it was Skubl who was given the new office of Inspector-General of all police and gendarmerie forces. That means he not only actually commands the police in Vienna but throughout Austria as well.

It is an arrangement which apparently satisfies everyone and leaves the effective command of the police much "as you were."

Michael Skubl is one of the "old men" of the new Cabinet, for he was born in 1877, and although described as a Civil Servant, has been a policeman all his career.

Next key man is Dr. Guido Schmidt, to-day, at 37, the youngest Foreign Minister in Europe, giving our own Anthony Eden four years. He began his diplomatic career as an attache to the Austrian Legation in Paris in 1924. He is not a Nazi, but he has distinct German leanings, and is one of the men whom Berlin insisted should be included in the Cabinet—not a very difficult behest for Schuschnigg to concede, for the two have been friends since they were at a Jesuit college together.

Note he was the only Austrian to accompany the Austrian Chancellor to the fateful interview at Berchtesgaden last Saturday.

Tall and slender, with rather ascetic features, Schmidt is by way of being a Beau Brummell. He dresses elegantly, loves the life of the Waltz City, and is never so happy as when at the Opera. Make no mistake, however, there is no keener brain in Vienna.

Married to a beautiful woman of Italian descent, Schmidt has two children and lives with his father-in-law.

Here, then, is the line-up of Austria's three new key men under Chancellor Schuschnigg:

Seyss-Inquart, nominee of Berlin; expected perhaps to show favour to Nazi organisations.

Neutralising him, the sage, police-man-cum-politician. Skubl, who has been fighting the Nazis for years, and knows all their secrets—or should do.

Guido Schmidt, the only one of the three with an untrammelled hand—but a friend of Schuschnigg, and proud, very proud, to be an Austrian.

BRAG—AND WIN

It is a pity that boastfulness is regarded in this country as one of the unpardonable sins. A man may know he is good at something, he may prove it to his own satisfaction and that of the world in general, but let him be even suspected of putting the thought into words, and immediately he becomes an outcast.

In the good old days, before the pen became mightier than the sword, the man who did not brag of his own achievements and extol his own prowess soon found himself despised and neglected. The gallant knights who sat at King Arthur's Round Table were braggards to a man. All their fights were, by their own account, against vastly bigger and stronger opponents, and usually they were outnumbered by at least three to one.

The Middle Ages, the Age of Chivalry, was also an Age of Brag. You wore your lady's glove or scarf on your helm as a perpetual challenge to all comers that you were willing to prove by force of arms that she exceeded in beauty and virtue the girl friend of any other knight. And without any provocation whatever you waxed eloquent on the subject of the lady's charms and your own skill in upholding them.

IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY

To come to more recent years, the bloods of the Regency period not only had an excellent opinion of themselves, but had no hesitation in announcing it to the world at large. Even as lately as the middle of the Victorian era an Englishman assumed with a delightful lack of humility that he was more than the equal of three men of any other nation on earth.

What is more, he based all his actions on that assumption; and got away with them.

Ask me what quality has made England what she is, and, without hesitation, I answer "brag!" Nor am I being cynical or sarcastic when I say it. For psychologically brag is an excellent thing.

Because boasting is the subject of a taboo, we have to be careful what we brag about, but it is very amusing to the psychologist to study some of the devices we employ to get round the convention.

For instance, the man who claimed to be a daring and skilful motorist, and was in addition such a skilled engineer that he could get more miles an hour out of his engine than the makers ever put into it, would be regarded by his fellowmen with the gravest distaste. So he claims no credit for himself, but sings the praises of his "old bus."

He tells of amazing average speeds over incredible distances. He chants of vast numbers of miles to the gallon. He speaks with bated breath of the frequent occasions on which the speedometer needle touches eighty. And he is not a whit abashed when, doddling along at a steady forty-five, we invariably pass him with ease.

GOOD SWORD EXCALIBUR

Just as the knights of old had swords with magic properties enabling them to hew down all opposition, so the modern sportsman gives most of the credit to some marvellous bat, club, or racket. There is not, after all, so very much difference between King Arthur's "Excalibur" and Bobby Jones's "Calamity Jane."

There is no need to be ashamed of these harmless gasconades. Quite the reverse, in fact. If there is any merit at all in us, boasting keys us up to give of our best! The motor-

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DEATH OF BRILLIANT EXPLORER

Frederick Jackson, Man Who Rescued Nansen

London, March 13.

The death is announced of Major Frederick Jackson, discoverer and explorer, who died on a barge in the Thames, London, on which he had lived with his wife during the past year.

Major Jackson rescued the famous polar explorer, Nansen, when the latter was missing in the Arctic in 1896. Nansen subsequently recorded his gratitude by naming one of his territorial discoveries, Frederick Jacksonland.—*Reuter.*

The late Major Jackson, who was a Knight (first order) of the Royal Order of Olaf, a Gold Medallist of the Paris Geographical Society, and a Medallist of the Royal Humane Society of Britain, was educated at Denstone College and Edinburgh University. He travelled in the Australian deserts and made a famous journey across the Great Tundra and Lapland in mid-winter.

He was commander of the Jackson-Harmsworth Polar Expedition to the Franz Josef Land. He served in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902 and was decorated. He also served during the Great War, being invalided home.

AFRICA EXPLORATIONS

He commanded a number of Russian prisoners of war camps in Hanover and Westphalia States of Germany in 1919. In 1925 and 1926 he crossed Africa from Beira to Banana Point. He travelled across Mashonaland, Matabeleland, Northern Rhodesia and up Lake Tanganyika. He trekked with carriers across the Urundi and Ruanda countries, visiting the volcanic Virunga Mountains, and ascending Mount Sabinyo.

From Lake Kivu he crossed the Congo forest to the Lualaba River, where he hunted with the pygmies, and he descended the whole length of the Congo to the sea. He visited the source of the three great rivers of Africa, the Zambesi, the Nile and the Congo.

He took part in a commission held at Monrovia, Liberia, on the West Coast of Africa, instituted by the League of Nations to enquire into conditions relative to slavery reported to exist in Liberia.

He published several books and papers on his explorations and discoveries, and his recreations were big-game shooting, fishing, hunting, polo.

TREE THIEVES ROUNDED UP

Most of the defendants in the Junior Court of the Kowloon Magistracy to-day were people who had been arrested for either unlawful possession of pine trees, or wood from such trees. There were 18 of them and 16 were women, their ages ranging from 18 to 60 years.

Part of the Court room was occupied by logs, trees and the scythes and saws which had been in the possession of some of the prisoners at the time of their arrest.

They were taken custody during the week-end having been intercepted by forest guards as they left a hillside by No. 9C. Government plantation which is near Custom's Pass. Thirty-seven trees had been chopped down and were valued at $25 and $35 each and one woman had with her three of the latter. She was fined $210 or three months' hard labour.

The majority of the other defendants were sentenced to prison terms with the option of a fine, but those who had had saws with them were sentenced directly to two months' hard labour. A few were bound over on account of their ages.

Inspector Russell said that from observations made it seemed that trees were cut down on one day and trimmed and carried away on other days.

Mr. R. J. V. Everest was present in Court for the Botanic and Forestry Department.

SISTERS CREATE DISTURBANCE

Three sisters who created a disturbance at a Chinese fasting house on March 6 appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with disorderly conduct. They pleaded not guilty, but were convicted.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appearing on behalf of Shum Sin-hoi, the woman who kept the fasting house, said that the first sister, Pun Lui-chun, 26, had been destitute about six years ago, and had begged to be allowed to stop at the fasting house. She was allowed in, and received her food and occasional articles of clothing, but no money.

For the first few years, Lui-chun appeared appreciative and was well behaved, but later on she became so bad tempered and interfering that she was asked to leave. She went to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and was told to keep away from the place. After several visits to the house in which she abused the keeper, she was accompanied on March 6 by her sisters Pun Wo, 20, and Chan Kam-yeung, 30.

They created a disturbance and abused and threatened the keeper. Several pots and jars were broken, and even when the police arrived, the third sister refused to behave.

After evidence was heard, all three women were bound over in $25 for a year, and the third sister was fined $5.

$34,456 Action Hinges On Identification

Chinese Fails To Upset Ruling Of Official Receiver

Are Wong Chuk-man and Wong Wa-yue one and same person? This question, involving the sum of $34,456.10,, came before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning in an appeal brought by Wong Chuk-man against the rejection by the Official Receiver, Mr. L. R. Andrewes, of his claim for that amount in respect of the bankruptcy of the Wing Hosiery Mills.

Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn appeared for appellant, and Mr. Andrewes was represented by Mr. D. B. Evans.

Mr. Quinn said the Official Receiver's decision was based on statements made by Leung Ching-chuen and Tsang Kong, who were formerly employed by the debtor firm, alleging that appellant was one and the same person as Wong Wa-yue, a partner of the company.

Appellant stated the debt was under a bill of sale for the machinery of the firm. Notice of this debt had been filed but the Official Receiver had rejected the claim on the ground that he was a partner.

He was not Wong Wa-yue as alleged, and had never been a partner of the firm. He knew Leung Ching-chuen, who was introduced to him by Wong Hi-lam, the principal partner of the firm, about two years ago.

In reply to Mr. Evans, appellant said he had been a partner of the now defunct Ling Hoi Bank under the name of Wong Kam-chiu. At a meeting in the Official Receiver's Office some time on December last, allegations that he was a partner of the debtor firm were made by Leung Ching-chuen and another person whose name he did not know. These allegations he had denied.

LENT $30,000

In December, 1935 he lent a sum of $30,000 to the Wing Hosiery Mills under a bill of sale for the machinery, and in 1936 he mortgaged this bill to James H. Backhouse, Ltd. for the purpose of securing goods supplied to the debtor firm. He did this because Wong Hi-lam had undertaken to hand over his property in the country as security and because the latter was a good friend of his.

Wong Ki-tat, a partner of the debtor firm, testified that appellant and Wong Chuk-man were not one and the same person. Appellant had been to the company quite often but had never attended any partnership meetings. Wong Wa-yue was now in Toishan.

Both Charlie Wong and Wong Kam-wing, former employees of the debtor firm, said that Wong Wa-yue, who they had known since childhood, was not appellant, with whom they became acquainted three years ago.

Mr. M. A. Drysdale, clerk to the Official Receiver, stated that when the statement of affairs of the debtor firm was being made up, Leung Ching-chuen, the manager, alleged that he had been owed wages amounting to $995. So far he had not proved his debt, and the statement of affairs did not show the account.

RECEIVER'S DIFFICULTY

Mr. Evans pointed out the difficulty of the Official Receiver in not being able to serve subpoenas on Leung and Tsang Kong as witnesses. Under the circumstances he would leave the matter in the hand of His Lordship.

Dismissing the appeal, His Lordship said it had been unfortunate that Wong Wa-yue, who was in Toishan, had not been called to give evidence. There was nothing more simple for him than to come and say that he was not the appellant. Besides, the appellant had not called any independent witness, like a buyer or seller, but only a series of those bearing the same surname of Wong. The appellant had failed to prove that the decision of the Official Receiver was wrong and therefore the appeal must be dismissed with costs.

Slums Can Wipe Out A Mighty City

New York.

SLUM conditions threaten to wipe out the population of America at a rate comparable with the decline in the Red Indian population, declares Professor Elsie Viault Steedman, of Hunter College, New York.

A decline in population is predicted by Professor Steedman if conditions in the slums are not improved.

"Slum conditions of to-day are comparable with those of the prehistoric south-west, as shown in a recent anthropological study," Dr. Steedman said.

OUR TENEMENTS

"Our prehistoric south-west Indians, living under conditions comparable to slum conditions to-day, suffered such a decrease.

"Their great communal houses, analagous to our tenements, lacked sanitation, water supply, light, and ventilation, and were greatly overcrowded.

"This may be a warning to us to rectify present conditions before we too suffer population decreases."—*B.U.P.*

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, issued to-day are:

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part III. All members of the Chinese Company will attend Kennedy Road Revolver Range on Wednesday, and Friday, March 16 and 18 for Part III of Training Course under P. S. A. 210 Perkins between the hours 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Patrol Duty. Nightly between 6 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, March 15 under L. S. R. 214 Channan Singh:—Constables R246 M. Y. Khan, R219 Nur Ahmed, R297 Karam Khan, R211 S. Aras, R215 Feroz Khan, R223 Firdos Khan, R229 M. R. Malik R279 Mir Walli Khan, and R221 Hakim Ali. Patrol Duty. Nightly between 6 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

FLYING SQUAD

Instructional Patrol. An instructional patrol for members of the Flying Squad will be carried out on Friday, March 25. All members will parade at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Patrol Duties. All members of the E.U.R. will report for duty at their Stations at 19.45 hours on Friday, March 18th, 1938. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with no cover, Blue Puttees, Belt with Brace, Truncheons, and Revolvers to be carried.

Search Patrol. Instructions in search patrol will be given at the E. U. R. Club on Wednesday, March 13 at 5.30 p.m. by Inspector (R) W. V. Field. All members will attend. Dress—Optional.

C. CHAMPKIN,
D. S. P. (R)

CHINESE FALLS INTO HOLD

Leung Hing, 60-year-old Chinese, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fractured pelvis sustained when he fell into the hold in the Empress of Canada, at Taikoo Dockyard.

Removed to the same hospital with injuries to his back received while working at Taikoo Dockyard, Chan Chi, 47, was detained in the hospital.

Chan Ho, 57, coolie, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries received in a fight.

DEPORTEE RETURNS

On a charge of breach of the deportation ordinance, Chan Kau, 38, was remanded for a week by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. The case is for committal to the Criminal Sessions. The defendant was banished from the Colony for life in 1937, and was arrested here on March 12.

CARRYING WEIGHT

Arrested at the main gate of the Kowloon Docks on March 12 with three-and-half pounds lead in his pockets, Wong Sung 34, was bound over in $15 for a year on a charge of larceny by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Children Play With Matches

START FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD

Two small outbreaks of fire were reported yesterday.

Children playing with matches were responsible for a fire in a Chinese flat on the second floor of a building in Queen's Road East. The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Considerable damage was done to machinery and goods in the Tung Shing Incense Factory at 35 Cheung Sa Wan Road as the result of a fire at 1 p.m. yesterday. The fire was extinguished by the Central brigade.

FLIER TELLS OF FINDING GREAT WATERFALL

NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY WHITE MEN

New York.

In a skyscraper office high above Wall Street, Mr. "Jimmy" Angell, the famous American flier who has just returned to New York from Central America, told me to-day about his discovery of the world's highest waterfall in the heart of Venezuela, says a correspondent.

I gave the first details of the waterfall in *The Daily Telegraph* and *Morning Post* in my message on Monday, when a letter was received from Mr. Angell.

Near the Brazilian frontier, Mr. Angell told me recently, there stretches 400 miles of wilderness, inhabited only by a few scattered tribes of semi-civilised Indians and virtually inaccessible except by aeroplane. This region was explored centuries ago by Jesuit missionaries and Spanish conquistadores, whose rough maps still exist.

The district remained isolated for many decades, however, and it was not until a few years ago, when the quest for oil sent exploring parties into the jungle, that fliers discovered uncharted mountains and a tableland, called Mount Auyantepuy, standing 8,000ft high.

This tableland, which covers an area of about 300 square miles, had never been penetrated by white men. From it flows the world's highest waterfall to drop 6,000ft sheer from the top to a plain below.

'PLANE DRENCHED

Long-range photographs in Mr. Angell's possession clearly show the waterfall cascading from the tableland. He flew so close, he said, that the machine was drenched with spray.

In landing on top of the mountain his machine became bogged, and he and his wife had to make their way down as best they could on foot to an emergency camp, from where a Venezuelan Government 'plane finally rescued them.

Mr. Angell, who is employed in gold prospecting, will return in a few weeks in another 'plane to continue his explorations.

CAMERA FOUND AT VALLEY

Brought to Wanchai police station by the Jockey Club, a Leica camera was stated to have been found at the Club at Happy Valley during the race meeting Saturday.

25 BODIES IN STREETS

A total of 25 dead bodies of Chinese were removed to the Public Mortuary from the streets of the Colony during the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. to-day.

Says Mae West Done Him Wrong

New York.

Someone came up to see Mae West to-day—someone with news that, on the heels of a pending plagiarism suit, Mark Linder, a writer, is suing her and Paramount for £200,000, alleging she done him wrong.

Mr. Linder alleges breach of contract and conspiracy in connection with her 1934 film, "She Done Him Wrong."

This is, in fact, another instalment of Trouble that has dogged Mae ever since she appeared as Eve to Don Ameche's Adam in a radio comedy entitled "Adam and Eve" on December 12.

Mr. Linder says that he wrote a small play which he and Mae West agreed to copyright under the title "Diamond Lil." They were to share the royalties.

He adds that later he was persuaded to sell his interest for £5,000. The film netted Mae West £68,000, while Paramount's profits were £800,000.

MAE WEST'S VOICE

The plagiarism suit is one in which Joan Strong, the writer, claims £2,000 against Mae West in connection with the "Adam and Eve" radio.

She says that the skit was lifted from her play "Love and Apple Sauce," and her lawyer states: "She thought she had a clean play until she heard it over the radio."

The *Tablet*, a Roman Catholic paper published in Brooklyn, described the skit as "a cheap travesty on the Garden of Eden, with the notorious Mae West in the feature role."

Epithets hurled at the piece, which, many confessed, they heard without a blush, were "profane, obscene, indecent, vulgar, filthy, sexy."

The Legion of Decency, a Roman Catholic organisation which watches that films are fit to be seen by members of the Church, described the skit as of "low character."

A Roman Catholic college in New York said: "We cannot see why Mae West should be permitted to pollute the sacred shades of the home, the last bulwark against modern over-emphasis on sensuality."

The skit revealed Adam cool towards Eve until the sneak came along and gave Eve an apple, from which she made apple sauce. The general impression is that Mae West's voice gave more meaning to the lines than they originally bore.

RADIO BROADCAST

Empire Varieties And Other London Relays

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Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c's.; 9.52 m.c's. per second.

6.03-11.0 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Swingin' the Jinx away; (b) Cotton; (c) Little Old Lady; (d) Midnight Music.

5.15 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Nice work if you can get it; (b) I'm walking thru Heaven with you; (c) Rose Room; (d) High Society.

5.35 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

5.40 (a) When I dream of Old Vienna; (b) Have you got any Castles Baby?; (c) You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; (d) Ebb Tide.

5.55 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

6.0 (a) The Champagne Waltz; (b) Your eyes have told me so; (c) An Old Fashioned Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded Dance Music from ZBW.

6.20 (a) My Cabin Of Dreams; (b) Pagan Love Song; (c) Make A Wish.

6.30 For The Children.

Nursery Tunes....Played by Little Mayfair Orchestra; Water, Water, Wallflower (arr. Chalmers Wood); The Mulberry Bush (arr. Chalmers Wood)....Chalmers Wood's Orchestra with vocal refrain; Ferdie Bear ....Told by Rose Fyleman. Singer; Winifred Bury; Piano; Thomas Dunhill.

6.45 London Relay—'Fact Of Fiction: Unicorns'.

An enquiry into their existence, supported by past beliefs and superstitions, and supplemented by such data as human ingenuity and scientific research have from time to time provided. Written by Rayner Hepenstall, produced by John Pudney.

7.15 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.20 Brahms Songs.

Wiegenlied (Lullaby) Op. 49, No. 4; Immer Leiser Wird Mein Schlummer Op. 105, No. 2....Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano); Erinnerung, Op. 63, No. 2; Von Ewiger Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1....Alexander Kipnis (Bass); Gerald Moore (Piano).

7.30 Cesar Franck—Violin and Piano Sonata.

Sonata In A Major....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.08 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Po Hing Theatre.

11.0 Close Down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Eric Coates—Four Ways Suite' & March.

Played by New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis; London Bridge March....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.

8.23 Variety—Light Orchestral & Vocal.

Organ Solo—Jan Kiepura Film Melodies ('My Song for you,' 'My Heart is Calling,' 'I love them all,' 'Tell me to-night'....Marcel Palotti; Piano Solo—Please Remember (Denby-Watson); My Gypsy Dream Girl (from 'Command Performance')....Leslie Hutchinson; Piano & Drum Music—Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase); Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton-Kaye)....Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two pianos with drums; Dance. Orch.—Pancho's Widow (from 'Dodge City Trail'); Even A Crooner Must Eat (Sonin-O'Connor-Phillips)....Max Bacon with Orchestra; Vocal—Got To Dance My Way To Heaven (from 'It's love again'); Slipping Through My Fingers (from 'It's love again')....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra accomp.; Piano Solo—Damsel In Distress—Selection; Medley . . . . Patricia Rossborough.

9.0 London Relay—'Empire Exchange.'

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

The Voice Of The Bells (Luigini, arr. Miller); Tarantelle De Concert (Greenwood, arr. Godfrey); Sousa Marches On....Cond. by Major George Miller.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

8.50 Gracie Fields.

Why Did I Have To Meet You? (From 'Queen of Hearts'); Do You Remember My First Love Song (From 'Queen of Hearts'); Look Up And Laugh—Medley.

10.0 London Relay —'Empire Variety Theatre'.

Produced by F. H. C. Piffard. The Bill includes: Worden and West, 'Two Old Women'; Walsh and Barker, American duettists; A Surprise Item and Van Straten And His Band.

10.30 New Dance Music.

Orchestra—After All These Years —Fox-Trot; Picture Me In Paradise —Fox-Trot....Mantovani and His Orchestra; Orchestra—City Of A Million Dreams—Tango Fox-Trot; Viennese Romance—Waltz....Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five; Orchestra—Swing Is Here To Sway—Quickstep (from 'Ali Baba goes to Town'); Got A New Pair Of Shoes—Slow Fox-Trot (From 'Thoroughbreds don't cry')....Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Orchestra—Home Again Blues—Quickstep; Pop Corn Man—Fox-Trot....Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Orchestra—Blossoms On Broadway—Fox-Trot (From the film); I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight—Fox-Trot; (From '52nd Street')....Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel; Orpheans with vocal chorus.

11.0 Close Down.

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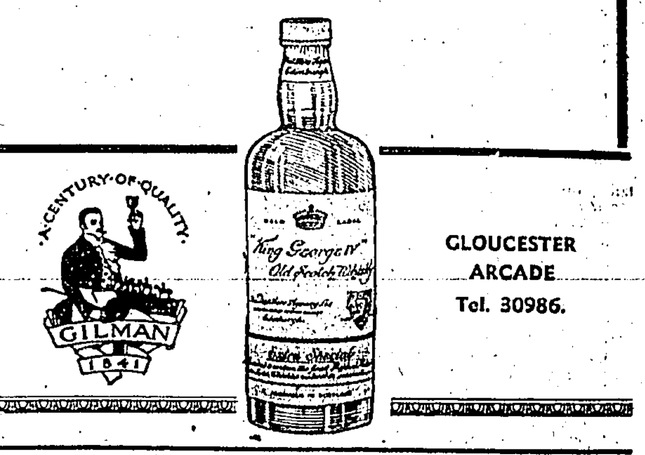

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WANT NO POSTS FROM JAPANESE

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

To avoid offers of posts in Shanghai or Nanking, Dr. Alfred Sze, former Ambassador to the United States, will shortly leave here for Hongkong *en route* to Europe.

Mr. Tang Shao-yi, who is urged to become a leading official in a new puppet regime, will also soon leave Shanghai. He is now staying in the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Chiu Chung-wen, in French Town—*Reuter.*

ARMY SURPRISES CHINESE IN LAI WAH CUP FINAL

HOLDERS RISE TO OCCASION IN FINE STYLE

MANY PLAYERS INJURED IN THRILLING MATCH

(By "Abe")

The greatest blunder committed by the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup football final played on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay yesterday was in under-estimating their opponents, the Army. They paid the penalty for the blunder, for the military players won the game by four goals to three after being two goals down at one stage in the first half. The Army thus retains the trophy.

The side fielded by the Chinese was probably the worst they have sent out in a representative match, during the present season; the half-backs were weak, with the exception of Leung Wing-chiu in the centre, and the forwards were ragged, with very little cohesion in the line throughout. The customary snap in the attack was definitely lacking. Fung King-cheung's presence would probably have infused the necessary life into it, but he is still on the injured list and could not play.

On the other hand, the Army men rose to the occasion one and all and well-deserved their victory. They played better as a team, and their forwards too were far more dangerous in front of goal than their opposite numbers.

If scientific football was often absent in this match, the many thrills seen and the fast pace set by both teams more than made up for it.

ARMY SUPERIOR MIDFIELD

Usually so dominating in midfield, the Chinese gave up this superiority to the Army and the half-backs for more than three-quarters of the game concentrated in defence. As a result, Freshwater, Bright and Proctor gained an advantage which they did not fully earn, and consequently they were able to give more support to the forwards than they would otherwise have done.

With this help, the Army forwards swept down on the Chinese goal time and again in the early stages of the game, and only the dogged defence of the Chinese and their own wild shooting prevented them from scoring. Neither Leung In-chan, on the right, nor Lo Wai-kuen, on the left, was able to hold the Army wingers, who were thus able to send dangerous crosses to their inside-men almost at will. Hard-pressed throughout, Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang were far below their usual standard; almost always their clearances were haphazard and very often weak. Lee Tin-sang attempted to take a leaf out of the Islington Corinthians' book passing back to the goal-keeper, but he has not yet mastered the art and was fortunate yesterday in not conceding a goal through his erratic back-passes.

Of the Chinese defenders, only Tam Kwan-kon, in goal, and Leung Wing-chiu, at centre-half, distinguished themselves. The former pulled down many high shots, and the latter was a hard-working half.

CHINESE TAKE LEAD

Rather against the run of play, the Chinese took the lead after 30 minutes through Chan Tak-fai, who skimmed the ball into the net past a crowd of players in the goal-mouth. Within five minutes the Chinese were two up when Watson, in a race for the ball with Hau Ching-to, had the bad luck to put the ball into his own goal past the advancing Duncan.

On the run of play the Chinese definitely did not deserve this lead. Their forwards failed to show any understanding, relying too much on hefty kicking, which was successfully countered by the fine head-work of the Army defenders. Chan Tak-fai and Lai Shiu-wing tried hard to pull the line together, but Hau Ching-to was obviously handicapped by an old injury which was aggravated by a collision which he had with Watson, and Lee Tack-kee was a poor substitute for Fung King-cheung. Yeung Shui-yick was too well-marked by Proctor and Sheehan to be dangerous, though he evaded them long enough in the second half to score a fine goal.

Strangely enough, it took two reverses to shake up the Army forwards. Like hounds unleashed, they took the ball down Chinese territory and before the half-time whistle came they had already drawn level. The first was a gem of a header by Pearson, banging the ball past Tam Kwan-kon.

NEVER LOOKED BACK

The Army players, once they had drawn level, never looked back. Even when Bright was injured and had to leave the field for attention, they kept on pressure, playing as well with ten men as with eleven. In fact it was when Bright was out of the play that Pearson snapped up a pass and gave the Army the lead with a right-footed drive in the penalty area.

Excitement ran high when the Chinese, in one of their few raids, equalised. Hau Ching-to was in a good position to score, but though Duncan got his hand to the shot he was unable to clear and Yeung Shui-yick ran in to score.

The Army attacked continually for the remainder of the match, and ten minutes from the end they were rewarded when Saw received a fine pass from Grogan and calmly put the ball into the net from close in.

The Army fully deserved their win. As a team they combined together with better understanding than their opponents, and in defence Watson and Sheehan seemed safer than Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang—high praise indeed when it is realised how long the Chinese backs have played together. As stated before, the Army halves completely dominated midfield play. Until his injury, Bright was the outstanding intermediate and was given fine support by Freshwater and Proctor. The forwards were well-led by Pearson, whose headwork was a feature of the game. Both McGuigan and Saw displayed clever football and fed their respective wings well. Grogan and Calvert found their task easier on account of the weakness of the Chinese wing-halves, but the shooting of the latter was erratic. On several occasions he would probably have done better to centre than to shoot when he had only a very acute angle at the goal.

FINE TEAM WORK

The success of the Army was not due so much to individual brilliance as to fine team-work.

As only to be expected in a game played at such a great pace, there were a lot of hard knocks, many players receiving injuries in the course of the game. Those who had to receive attention off the field were Hau Ching-to, Bright and Yeung Shui-yick. The last-named appeared to be seriously hurt in the closing stages, but he returned to the game with his head bandaged.

Teams:

Army.—Duncan; Watson, Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright, Proctor; Grogan, McGuigan, Pearson, Saw and Calvert.

Chinese.—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Leung In-chan, Leung Wing-chiu, Lo Wai-kuen; Yeung Shui-yick, Lee Tack-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

The Army football team, photographed yesterday with the Lai Wah Cup which they retained by beating the Chinese by four goals to three on the Navy ground at Cause way Bay. Front Row (left to right):—Bright, McGuigan, Saw, Calvert. Middle Row:—Grogan, Pearson, Sheehan and Watson (captain). Back Row:—Freshwater, Duncan and Proctor. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

COLONY TENNIS TOURNEY

Championships To Resume To-day

After two interruptions last week, the Colony Tennis Championships will be resumed this afternoon when three singles and three doubles matches will be decided.

H. D. Rumjahn, holder of the singles title, will be in action to-day against S. A. Hussain, a prominent player from the Kowloon Indian T.C., and should get through to the third round fairly comfortably.

The other two ties in the singles promise some even play, but neither game will probably be of any great consequence to the championship.

The doubles matches may provide the best fare of the day. Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong, who showed convincing form in their opening match against W. A. Land and A. Warr, will be up against another Army pair, Major L. A. Newnham and Major F. T. Baines. A win for Kong and Lee is indicated.

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, a very steady Chinese combination, meet Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson, while J. W. Leonard and George Choa, of the Craigengower C.C., will clash with G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford. If all four players are on form, the last-named tie may produce some sparkling tennis.

The following is the programme:

Open Singles.—S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes; T. A. Pearce v. T. C. Monaghan; S. A. Hussain v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Open Doubles.—F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson; J. W. Leonard and G. Choa v. G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford; Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong v. Major L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines.

Club Handicap Doubles.—E. E. Story and N. L. H. Railton (–4/6) v. R. K. Valetine and A. C. I. Bowker (–5/6); R. M. M. King and J. P. Murphy (scr.) v. T. E. Wheble and J. A. Douglas (–3/6); J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Wilson (–3/6) v. W. Wooding and E. Laidlaw (scr.).

HOCKEY MATCH DRAWN

Macao Held By Army Team

Our Own Correspondent

Macao, Mar. 13.

The most thrilling match of the season was witnessed here this afternoon by a large crowd when the scratch Army hockey selection engaged the Macao eleven in a friendly encounter. The stiff engagement resulted with each side securing two goals apiece.

Both teams were in fine form and exchanges were very even to begin with. In a determined onslaught by the local forwards three minutes from the outset, Lyle took a fast shot at the Army goal but the ball went wide of Dobson.

As play proceeded, the Army half back line, working in splendid combination, was pretty to watch. A neat pass from Partab, the Army left-winger, enabled Gopal Ram at centre to open the score with a fine shot from close range.

Shortly after, in a speedy raid on the visitors' goal, Alex Airosa, Macao's centre-half, put in a fast shot which was disallowed however, owing to a foul.

As the Army pressed to the attack, a fine individual movement by Douglass, inside-right, was witnessed as he made his way right through the opposition, but Lammert coming behind at top speed, arrested him from swerving into position to shoot and Ferreira, right back, then cleared neatly.

Trying hard to equalise, Macao's forwards rushed upon the enemy citadel, but the short corner awarded did not produce result. The local side played as a team, and in repeating attacks, kept the ball well in the visitors' territory most of the time and things looked pretty hot for the Army whose defence was obliged to keep a strict vigilance. Ghulam Rassul, left-back, cleared smartly, while his right partner, Lt. Gorman, did his full share of work. Another short corner found Dobson well on the alert and he cleared easily.

MISSED CHANCES

The Army left flank was very dangerous to the home goal with Lt. Chattey and Partab working in close co-operation with Gopal Ram. However, a long corner secured against Macao failed to improve the score.

Before the interval, another concerted attempt by Macao from the left flank was fouled owing to "sticks," following which Lt. Godby, Army outside right, took up the ball, passed to Chattey who missed by inches. Once again, Macao all but equalised when R. Angelo passed to Ramalho at centre who evaded Gorman and drove a fast shot which Dobson's eagerness to intercept caused him to fall with the ball coming safely to rest between his knees. Macao had a narrow escape when Godby centred from the right wing and both Gopal Ram and Partab missed the chance.

Macao evened the score only one minute after resumption with a spectacular goal when Ramalho passed to Lyle who drove a perfect shot into the net. The Army were again in danger when following a short corner, Lyle's ball hit the post and Ramalho hitting off the rebound sent the ball just out of goal.

A further ten minutes elapsed and Nolasco at right, passed to Ramalho who being in a good position, put Macao in the ascendancy with a neat shot. Undeterred, the Army halfs fed the forwards. Land, at pivot, displayed amazing coolness throughout. His precision at placing was fine and his reach enabled him to rob the opposing forwards. Five minutes later Godby passed to Gopal Ram who evened the score. Before the close of play, a swift pass by Land, enabled Partab to get past the opposition and excitement was high when he had only Almada at goal before him. It was hard lines for the Army when Partab fouled with his stick.

ARMY PLAYED WELL

All the Army players showed fine mettle, and never hang on too long to the ball, but most of the credit belongs to Dobson at goal. Rassul, Land and Wetton in the defence, and Godby, Gopal Ram and Chattery in attack.

For Macao the seasoned players were well in their own. However, the younger bloods surpassed themselves. Ferreira at back, and R. Angelo, inside left, showed many clever movements, and Lyle showed dependability and was always menacing to the opposition. Alex Airosa's stickwork was excellent.

Army.—Dobson; Lt. Gorman, Ghulam Rassul; Wetton, Land, Naraina Ram; Lt. Godby, Lt. Douglass, Gopal Ram, Lt. Ghattey, Partab.

Macao.—Almada; Ferreira, Lammert; Albert Airosa, Alex Airosa, Costa; Nolasco, Lyle, Ramalho, R. Angelo, A. Angelo.

Badminton Semi-Finals This Evening

Hui-Au Tie Promises Fine Play

Some fine play is likely to be seen in the semi-finals of the Men's Singles Badminton Championship of the Colony to be played at the Taikoo R. C. court this evening.

P. H. Wong, the holder, will meet S. Y. Hon, a clubmate, in the upper bracket and should win his tie, although the latter caused a surprise in the quarter-finals by beating M. A. Oliveira.

The better match of the evening will be that between P. K. Hui and C. Au. This is Au's first season in the Colony, but he has created a very favourable impression in all the matches he has played. The game should be very even.

The programme is as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES
(SEMI-FINALS)

P. H. Wong v. S. Y. Hon
P. K. Hui v. C. Au

Miss Megan Taylor became world's woman skating champion recently when she beat Miss Cecilia Colledge in the championship held at Stockholm, Sweden. Miss Colledge, former holder of the title, was so upset that she hurriedly and in tears left the banquet arranged for the distribution of prizes.

WEEK-END CRICKET FEATS

Some Notable Performances

Both the key matches in the First Division of the Hongkong Cricket League played on Saturday were drawn, and in consequence the Indian R.C. and the Craigengower C.C. have finished the season on level terms. A play-off will be necessary to decide the championship.

Last season, the Indians also tied for first place, with Hongkong C.C., and the play-off resulted in a draw. The two teams thus became joint champions.

Beating the University by two runs on Saturday, the Navy became champions of the Second Division. Their rivals, the Craigengower C.C. slipped up against the Hongkong C.C., losing by 18 runs after they had dismissed their opponents for only 123.

The most notable performances over the week-end were:

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COUNTY CRICKET—NEW POINTS SYSTEM

No Advantage For Side To Play Drawn Matches

One positive decision of importance emerged from the Advisory County Cricket Committee after their meeting at Lord's on February 23, as briefly cabled at the time.

County championship points will in future, be awarded in accordance with the recommendation of the Findlay Commission, which means that it will never be to the advantage of any side to play for a drawn game.

The new method of calculation, which comes into force immediately, is as follows:

(a) Should a match be finished, the winning side to score 12 points.

(b) Should a match be finished and the scores be equal, each side to score six points.

(c) The side which leads on the first innings to score four points in all cases.

(d) Should a match be unfinished, and the scores of the first innings be equal, each side to score two points.

(e) Should the first innings be uncompleted, the match will not be included in the table of results.

For purposes of deciding the championship, the points gained will be divided by the number of matches played, and the side which has the highest average will be champion county.

EIGHT-BALL OVER

To Be Given A Trial Next Year

Another decision was to give a trial in 1939 to the eight-ball over in first-class cricket, although this proposal was not recommended by the Findlay Commission.

In my view (writes Ronald T. Symond in the *Daily Mail*) this experiment is of small importance in its relation to the general problems confronting county cricket. For those expecting a whale of change in the conduct of first-class cricket, the eight-ball over is a red herring.

As anticipated on the issue of the Findlay Commission's report, the financial recommendations for a cricket fund were not accepted.

All that has come of that elaborate scheme is a recommendation to the Board of Control that the distribution of Test match profits shall be modified, so that less money be handed to the clubs on whose grounds Test matches are played, and more to the other counties.

NO "DISCARDS"

But Big Problems Must Be Faced

The other major recommendation of the Findlay Commission, suggesting a reduction of the number of first-class counties, was also negatived.

In this connection it appears that the Advisory County Cricket Committee is disabled by its overload of tradition and sentiment from grappling with the problems involved.

The haphazard organisation of county cricket as a whole (as distinct from that of individual counties) is hardly adequate to cope with a situation which requires positive and forceful action.

Natural selection, and the pressure of finance, may ultimately reduce the number of counties engaged, but no liberation from the geographical and numerical anachronisms of the County Championship can be expected from the unwieldy Advisory County Cricket Committee.

OTHER ISSUES

Rules regarding qualification of players remain unchanged. Hours of play, intervals, and the preparation of wickets all came under discussion, but no material changes were made.

In summary, the adoption of the new method of scoring for the Championship is an important step forward in improving the game. In all other major designs for the solution of first-class cricket's problems, there is as yet no progress to report.

Possibly in future the problem will have to be reconsidered in terms of more drastic change, involving perhaps the abandonment of the "County" method of dividing up the country's cricket resources. Time will tell.

MISS LUMB'S RECORD AT SQUASH

Wins Title For Fourth Successive Year

Miss M. E. Lumb beat Mrs. I. M. McKechnie in the final of the women's championship at Queen's Club last month by 9-3, 9-2, 9-1, and thus won the title for the fourth time in succession—a record.

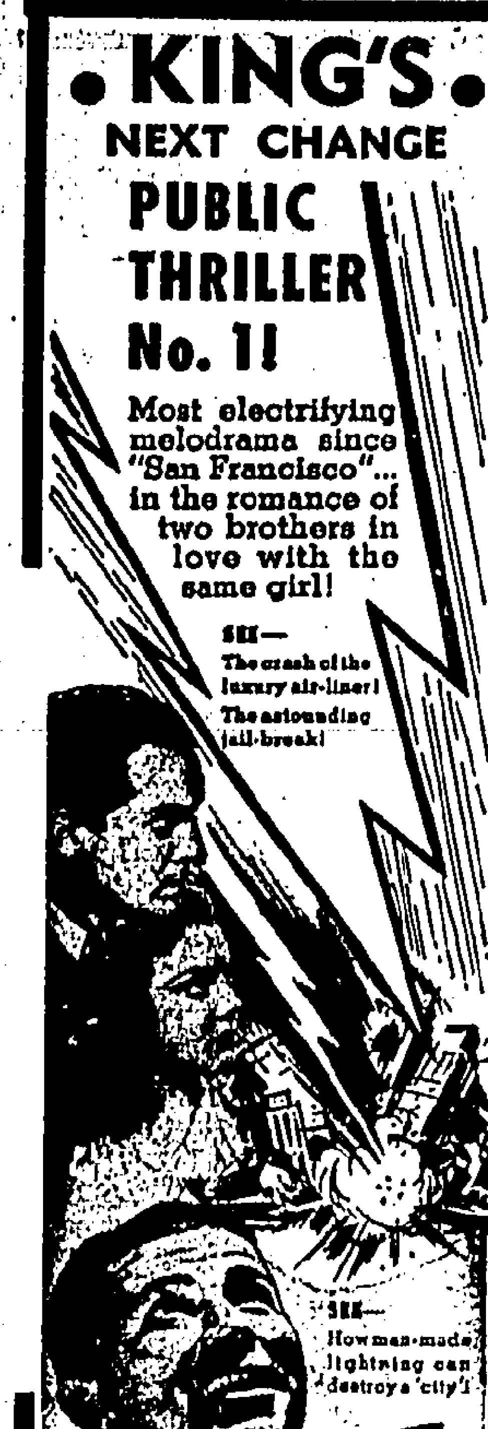
Miss Lumb was in much better form than against Miss F. B. Cooke in the semi-final. The fact that she beat so good a player as Mrs. McKechnie in 18 minutes speaks for itself.

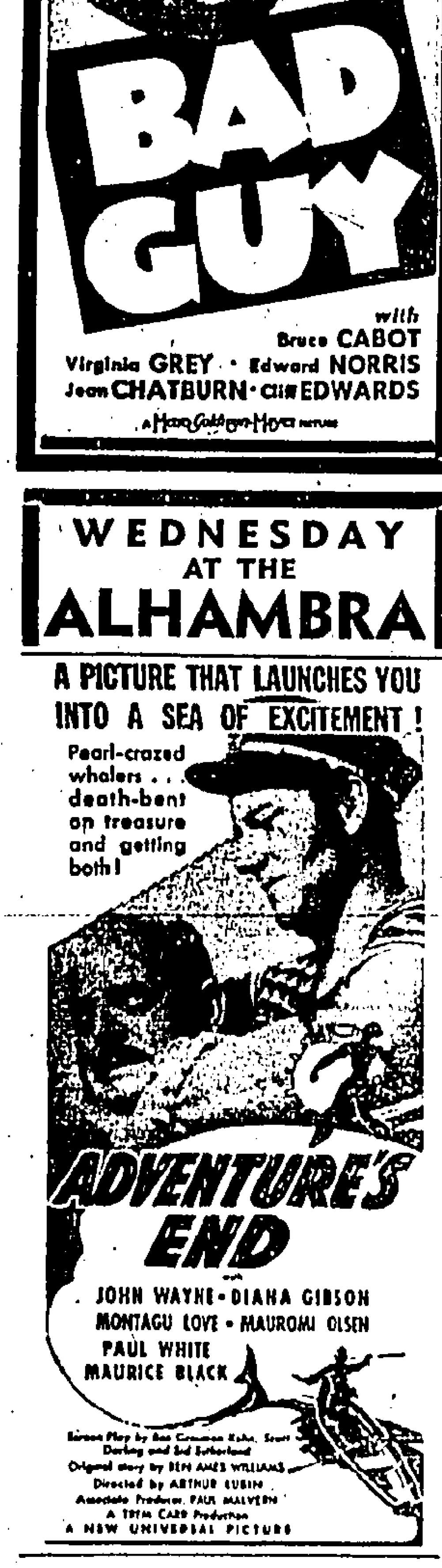
Both started shakily, and made lots of mistakes, and the rallies were short. When Miss Lumb led 5-1 in the first game nine blank hands followed.

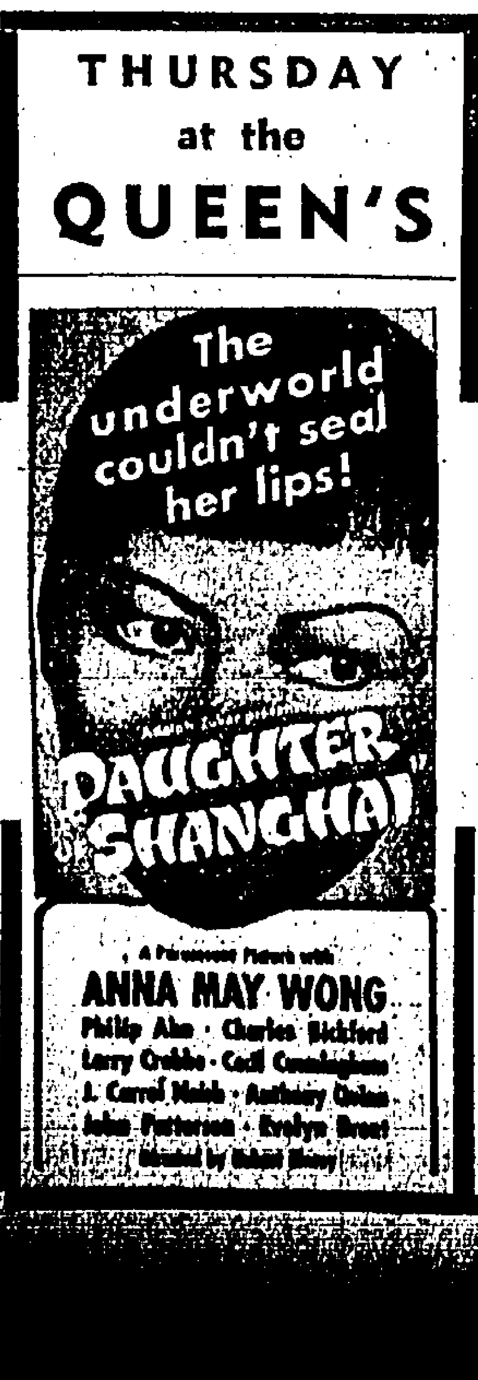
Mrs. McKechnie went boldly for her shots from the start. Unfortunately her touch was all wrong. She could not get a length, and her attempts to play the angles and the reverse angles frequently found the tin.

She improved a little after the first game, but Miss Lumb had found a length, and cleverly volleyed Mrs. McKechnie's cross-shots, which might have passed the ordinary player, but were easily parried by so swift a mover as Miss Lumb.

Miss Lumb served well, Mrs. McKechnie having to "boast" the return, which gave Miss Lumb the attack at the start of the rallies.







Highlights Of Cup-Tie Football

SURPRISES IN FIFTH ROUND

Preston N.E. Triumph At Highbury

London, Feb. 16.

Arsenal out—York City through. Downfall of the favourites, triumph of a 150—1 outsider. Such results explain the enormous appeal of Cup-tie football.

Bookmakers are richer by thousands of pounds by the defeat of the Arsenal, 9—2 favourites, by Preston North End.

Preston North End have every reason to like the Highbury ground. It was there that they qualified for the final last year by beating West Bromwich Albion. They failed at Wembley against Sunderland.

As the Cup-holders also survived by a narrow home win over Bradford, there are more unlikely things, if they avoid each other in the draw, than that we shall see Sunderland and Preston again fighting it out at the Empire Stadium.

Now for the highlights of the fifth round ties.

CASH AND ATTENDANCES

I have searched the records, and Arsenal's £7,214 is easily the biggest amount of money ever paid to see a Cup-tie outside the semi-finals and final. Curiously, the gate was £4,000 short of that at the Charlton vs. Aston Villa match, but Charlton have resolutely refused to raise stand prices. The Charlton, York and Chesterfield attendances and receipts were all records, and the aggregate receipts amounted to £28,883, compared with £26,628 in the corresponding round last year.

Now is this for a contrast? At Highbury, 72,121 people paid £7,214 to see Preston North End win, and the Greenock Morton-Harbert Amateurs Scottish Cup-tie, which was played on neutral ground, attracted exactly 200 people, who paid the princely sum of £4. 1s. 0d.

Preston fully deserved their victory and only Bastin, of the Arsenal forwards, showed anything like his best form. Preston did not keep any steady formation in attack and much of their recent success is due to the skill with which the forwards interchanged positions.

YORK'S AMAZING RECORD

Even Preston's triumph pales before the spectacular triumph of York City, whose amazing performances rival those of Millwall last year. The London club won through to the semi-final, but York possess nothing like the resources of Millwall.

It is interesting to note that whereas York had to meet Halifax and Clapton Orient twice each before subduing them, and extra time had to be played to finish the Halifax tie, they have disposed of Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion and Middlesbrough at the first time of asking.

Luck of the draw has favoured York in the last three rounds and everybody, except, possibly, Huddersfield, are delighted that they have again been given the right to play at home in the sixth round.

The vital goal against Middlesbrough was scored by Spooner. He is the only player of the side for whom a transfer fee was paid, and he cost £50.

Most of the team are "part-time" professionals and train after they have finished their ordinary work.

BRENTFORD MAKES HISTORY

Brentford, the sole London club certain to be in the next round at the time of writing, have reached this stage of the competition for the first time in their history.

The Brentford forwards gave their best display for weeks against Manchester United, with Eastham the best of the line, yet he only got into the side by enforced changes at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of McCulloch, who was found to be suffering from a swollen gland.

Few followers of the game expected Huddersfield to win at Liverpool after their indifferent displays in the League of late but they did so by means of a second half goal scored by Barclay.

Although Huddersfield deserved their success, being more constructive and quicker on the ball, Liverpool's proverbial ill luck in the Cup competition continues. Hanson, their outside-left, was injured after five minutes and, although he returned, he was virtually a passenger for the rest of the game.

Chesterfield also suffered early tragedy; their experienced half-back, Devine, fractured a bone in his left leg after 18 minutes play.

Tottenham might not have called upon to replay had they realised, after taking the lead, that attack is the best form of defence.

MANCHESTER CITY IN FORM

A. H. Gibbons, the Royal Air Force player, who assists Tottenham, has scored in every round of the Cup. He obtained two against Blackburn Rovers, two in the replay against New Brighton and one on Saturday.

Manchester City, last year's League champions, have run into a brilliant patch just at the right time and although they will have to travel to Charlton or Aston Villa, are equal favourites for the Cup.

So dominating were the Manchester City forwards at Luton that they would have obtained many more goals had it not been for the wonder goalkeeping by Coen.

Aston Villa should have made certain of their tie against Charlton but, like Tottenham, they decided to concentrate on defence after taking the lead.

Only ten minutes remained for play when Charlton equalised and although the Villa forwards then pestered fast they found Bartram frustrating all their efforts.

WEMBLEY TILL 1964

The F.A. Cup final and the England vs. Scotland international will be played at Wembley Stadium until 1964.

The F. A. Council yesterday decided to replace the existing contract, which has six years to run, with one for 26 years.

I understand the first portion of the work towards meeting the public demand for more accommodation will be a provision for 38,000 new places on the terraces.

This work, which is estimated to cost £70,000, will be begun at once, and will be finished in time for next year's Cup final.

The complete scheme provides for the extension of both the big stands, and the ultimate aim is to provide places for 160,000 or 170,000 spectators.

Mr. A. J. Elvin, managing director of Wembley Stadium, in an interview said:

"Our plans for the enlargement and general improvements to the stadium are well in hand.

"By 1940, at the latest, we shall have the finest sports arena in the world, and if, as seems possible, the Olympic Games of 1944 are offered to Great Britain, Wembley will be at their disposal."

STOKE CITY AND MATTHEWS

Stan Matthews, Stoke City's international outside-right, one of the biggest box office draws in the game to-day, last week asked to be placed on the transfer list as he was not happy with the Club.

Matthews is in the five-figure class, judged by to-day's values, and at least five clubs would bid for his services if the Stoke City directors agreed to release him.

What the trouble is, nobody seems to know. Mr. Bob McGroy, the Club's manager, says he has always done his best to work in harmony and friendliness with all his players, and has given them all reasonable and equitable treatment. He does not think that Matthews has any reasonable ground for stating he is not happy with the Club.

Senior team players and members of the training staff of Stoke City have issued a statement protesting against rumour of dissension among them, and at the same time expressed the fullest confidence in the directors and manager.

Stoke City supporters are most anxious that Matthews should remain with the Club. So far, he has never played for anyone else.

Over 4,000 supporters attended a town meeting and a resolution was sent to the board urging the directors to do everything possible to keep Matthews.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th March, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th March, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

TITLE BOUT PROMISED FOR BAER

New York, Mar. 12.

Max Baer has accepted terms for a title bout for the world's heavyweight championship with the winner of the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling contest which is scheduled for June.—*Reuter.*

Substitute Barred From Discussions

Chinese Ineligible For Olympic Meeting

Cairo, Mar. 11.

Count Baillet la Tour, President of the International Olympic Committee, has ruled that Hsieh She-kang, the substitute Chinese delegate, is ineligible to take part in the meeting. This decision has prevented the introduction of the motion to boycott the Games in Tokyo, but it is believed that somebody else will make the motion.

Hsieh, who was to substitute for C. T. Wang, stated that a message from Wang had already been sent to the Committee drawing attention to the incongruity of holding the Games in a country which was at war.—*United Press.*

Arriving by air for the International Olympic Congress, Dr. Cheou Kang-sie said the Olympic spirit was the spirit of peace and China would not dissociate one from the other, and she would therefore be compelled not to participate in the Olympics in a country which was deliberately engaged in unprovoked aggression against China.—*Reuter.*

INTER-VARSITY MEET

Oxford Beat Cambridge for First Time Since 1934

London, Mar. 12.

The introduction of the system of scoring by points instead of the number of events, has coincided with Oxford's first victory to-day over Cambridge in the inter-varsity annual athletics since 1934.

Ten thousand spectators turned out in glorious weather and were witnesses of some excellent sport, though no records were broken. Oxford won 60 to 57.

A. G. K. Brown, British Olympic runner, won the half mile in 1.56⅗ and the quarter mile in 49 sec.—*Reuter.*

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange report official summary issued on Saturday says:

Market continues steady and prices are being maintained. Business was done in Wharves at $140 ex. div., Providents at $3½, and Docks at $34¾.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,505
Union Insurance $540
Union Waterboats $0.30
H.K. & K. Wharves $138½ x.d.
H.K. & W. Docks $34¼
Providents (Old) $3.45
Providents (New) $1.45
H. & S. Hotels $6.95
H.K. Lands $36.85
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures $100
Humphreys $6¾
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Chinese Estates $95
H.K. Tramways $15¼
Peak Trams (Old) $7
Star Ferries $64¾
China Lights (Old) $12¼
China Lights (New) $9.30
H.K. Electrics $60¼
Sandakan Lights $13¼
Telephones (Old) $27¼
Telephones (New) $10½
Cements $18
Dairy Farms $20
Watsons $6.90
Ewo Cottons $13½
Construction $1¼
Wallace Harpers $6½
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Sellers

H.K. Fire Insurance $247½
Raubs $7.90
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Marsmans (H.K.) 4/3

Sales

Hongkong $1,600/5
Union Insurance $540
China Underwriters $2.25/.20
H.K. & K. Wharves $138¾/140
H.K. & W. Docks $34¾/35
Providents (Old) $3.45/50
Providents (New) $1.45
H.K. Lands $37¼
Humphreys $6¾
H.K. Tramways $15½
Yaumati Ferries $20
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YOUNGSTERS DO WELL IN RIDING SPORTS

Enjoyable Competition At Hongkong School

Some magnificent feats of horsemanship were seen at the second annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School which was carried out at the school grounds, Tai Hang Road, yesterday afternoon in the presence of a big crowd who applauded each winner tremendously.

Frankie Langley, who was very successful at last year's sports, carried off five cups. He received first prize for Bareback Riding, Third Term Children's Competition, Children's Jumping Competition and the Harriman Challenge Cup, and a replica for being the best rider in the school.

Veronica Walker won the Third Term Children's Competition for girls and first prize for girls nine years and over in the Jumping Competition. She was only beaten by a very small margin for the Harriman Challenge Cup.

Elizabeth Fleming won the Second Term Children's Competition and ran first in the Jumping Competition for children under nine.

Marion Fleming and Quentin Fleming also carried off a prize each in the First Term Children's Competition and the Tiny Tots Competition respectively.

Helen Tracy won the cup for girls in the Bareback Riding Competition, Anne Wilson winning the first prize for children in the Tiny Tots Competition.

Judges Unable to Judge

Two little darlings in John Hole and Robin Buller had a tight tussle in the First Term Children's Competition, and they both put up such a clever display that the judges were unable to separate them, and they had to divide the prize. John Hole also won the first prize in the Children's Jumping Competition for pupils under nine years.

Beryl Fair distinguished herself by winning the Target Competition and the Musical Chairs, the prize for men going to G. W. Sewell and W. G. Poy.

Bobby Scott and Madeline Wong both won first prizes in the Fancy Hunt Pair for children on tiny ponies.

Mrs. Penney and R. H. Brooks both secured a first prize in the First Term Adult Pupils Competition against big opposition.

The Relay Race which was the last event on the programme was won by Helen Caudron for girls and Capt. R. S. Bowden for gentlemen.

Mrs. T. E. Pearce presented the prizes to the lucky winners and complimented each winner on their excellent riding.

Amahs Ride Well

One of the most interesting displays at the sports was the display of Ah Jui and Ah Su, the school amahs. They both received a very fine reception for their cleverness.

Mr. T. E. Pearce complimented Mr. Bob Charles for the excellent display of his pupils and ventured to say that most of the onlookers were amazed at the marvellous riding of of the children in particular, for which he had been responsible.

Lieut.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Alec Potts who deputised for Major Hogg were the judges and their task was by no means an easy one.

Pamela Scott Harston, Betty Fair and Beryl Fair were particularly busy arranging the classes for their respective events.

Prize Winners

Target Competition.—Women, Beryl Fair; men, G. W. Sewell.

First Term Adults Competition.—Women, Mrs. Penny; men, R. H. J. Brooks.

Second Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Elizabeth Fleming.

First Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Marion Fleming; Boys, Robin Buller and John Hole, (Dead Heat).

Bareback Riding Competition.—Girls, Helen Tracy; Boys, Frankie Langley.

Tiny Tots Competition.—Girls, Anne Wilson; Boys, Quentin Fleming.

Third Term Children's Competition.—Girls, Veronica Walker; Boys, Frankie Langley.

Musical Chairs.—Women, Betty Fair; men, W. G. Poy.

Children's Jumping Competition.—Girls, Veronica Walker; Boys, Frankie Langley.

Children Under Nine.—Girls, Elizabeth Fleming; Boys, John Howe.

Fancy Hunt Pair.—Girls, Madeline Wong. Boys, Bobbie Scott.

Relay Races.—Women, Helen Caudron; men, Capt. R. S. Bowden.

Harriman Challenge Cup for the Best Rider in the School.—Frankie Langley.

Judges.—Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and Alec Potts.

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"Y" HOCKEY TEAM LOSES TO C.B.A. XI

Playing on the "Y" ground at King's Park yesterday in a friendly hockey encounter, C.B.A. defeated the Y.M.C.A. by eight goals to three. Both teams were a man short, but a Recreio player sportingly played for the "Y" while A. Dalziel donned a pair of pads and played goalkeeper for the C.B.A.

The game was played at a fast pace and was featured by the fine combination of the Association forwards. Goal scorers were G. Fowler (3), S. Fowler (2), N. Whitley (2) and S. MacNider. Lt. Wallace (2) and the inside-left replied for the "Y".

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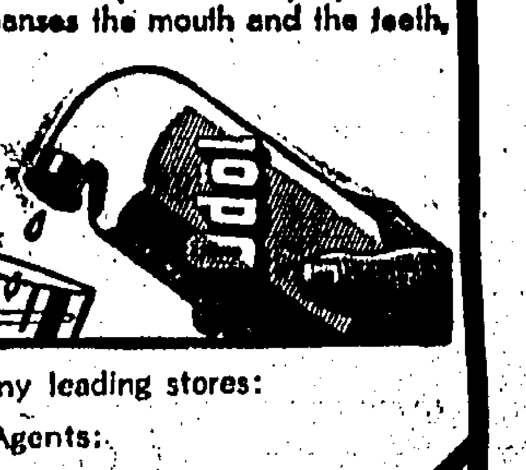

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED—THUS FAR:

Nina Asara, beautiful young singer, known as "The Firefly," is impelled by patriotic zeal to act as spy for the Spanish government. Evading handsome Don Diego, who has been paying court to her, she goes secretly across the French border to Bayonne. Here she again meets Diego, who has followed her; she realizes she loves him, but begs him not to seek out her company again until they are back in Madrid. She learns of Napoleon's plans to take King Ferdinand of Spain into custody, through a flirtation with Major de Rougemont, one of Napoleon's aides. Preparing to send a message of warning by carrier pigeon, she discovers that some counter-spy has substituted another bird for her own. In desperation she hastens to Diego's house. There, when she asks Diego to take a message for her, she is interrupted by a member of the French Intelligence Service, who informs her that Diego is really Captain Andre, of the French Police.

Chapter Six

Nina knew that her mission to save Spain was now ended; but this realization was overshadowed by the stunning shock of Don Diego's true position. He belonged to France, to the enemy country. . . .

Her one chance was that through sheer bravado, she could pass off the code message in her possession as harmless.

"I don't know what you're talking about," she told St. Claire, as he started to read the parchment he had taken from her.

"I have only a moment. I had to speak to you alone."

"Reserve one table alone...order one flaming omelette. I'll be with you tomorrow." The officer, reading aloud, knitted his brows. He could not hold her on the strength of this.

"You have till nine o'clock to leave the country," he said grimly. Nina drew her lips together. Holding her head high, she left the room. She caught just a fleeting glimpse of Don Diego's tortured face as she passed him . . .

* * *

Napoleon's *coup d'etat* was successful. Within a fortnight his brother, Joseph Bonaparte, had been installed as Spanish ruler in place of the lawful Ferdinand.

The people were bitterly resentful. When the new monarch arrived in Madrid he was greeted with brooding silence in some quarters, open insults in others.

The aftermath was inevitable. A stray shot...retaliation by a French soldier...open rebellion .. brutality . . . massacre . . . and a fierce defense by the tremendously outnumbered loyal Spaniards. The only hope, it appeared, was Wellington and his English army.

Nina, trying ineffectually to banish Don Diego from her mind, had been living for the day when she could once again be of some service to her stricken land. The moment was here at last. Garbing herself in the carefree gypsy raiment of the Basque country, she stole across the border to French headquarters in Vittoria.

Seated with some other dancers beside a campfire, on the outskirts of the town, her heart began to pound wildly as she caught sight of de Rougement (now wearing the insignia of a general). If so, did he know her real identity? Would he recognize her? She rose and began to weave back and forward in a provocative bucolic dance.

De Rougemont halted his horse. He watched the group. His puzzled eyes were fixed on Nina. As Nina began to sing, his face lighted up. He gave a terse, whispered command to an adjutant, then rode off. The orderly hurried over to Nina, who stood waiting, half in exaltation, half in dread.

"Come to the general's rooms," he said.

De Rougement was overjoyed to see her, and Nina pretended to be elated at the reunion. As he turned for a moment to dismiss the attendant, Nina ripped open the band of her coat collar, taking from there a small piece of paper. Turning, de Rougement saw her and sternly he demanded the paper. It was a map, obviously of the French lines!

De Rougement recalled the orderly, commanding him to bring a member of the Intelligence Service. As the door opened to admit him, Nina saw that it was Don Diego! They stared at each other, Diego fearfully realizing the cause of his own presence there. Ordered to decode the message, he complied.

"Verify this map and return. We will attack on the twenty-first," was the message.

Commanding that Nina be placed under arrest, de Rougement swung into action. The little cart Nina used was ransacked, and a carrier pigeon discovered. Diego was ordered to send a reply in the same code, stating that these were indeed the French positions. Then de Rougement ordered all French lines to be changed. He was well pleased with this stroke of strategy. Now let the Spanish and English attack empty positions!

As he watched the pigeon making its way straight toward the English lines, a sudden resolve came to Diego. He made his way hurriedly to the low building transformed into a temporary jail.

"I'm going in to speak to the prisoner," he said to the guard, who looked at him curiously.

Nina's heart beat wildly as the door opened. She was willing to die . . . but a moment of panic overcame her as she realized the time might be near. When she saw it was Diego, she managed to gain complete control of herself. She looked at him, cooly, defiantly. Diego spoke gently.

"I have only a moment. I had to speak to you alone."

"Why?" Nina demanded. "You've done your duty. Your conscience is clear."

"My conscience?" Diego said quietly. "As if I cared about my conscience! All these years I've dreamed of you. Of the time when this terrible war would be over." He broke off, unable to continue for a moment. "Why did you do this?" he finally said. "Didn't you know you'd be recognized? That it meant death if you were caught?"

At that moment, a great booming of cannon resounded. The battle had started!

Nina's face suddenly lighted up with hope. "The battle for Vittoria," she said in a low voice.

Diego was puzzled by the tone she had adopted. Another burst of cannon came, this time much closer.

"Something's wrong," Diego said, quickly stepping to the window. "They're not attacking the center."

"We never intended to attack through the center," answered Nina, "But we wanted to make you think that we were going to do so that you would weaken your side positions. That's why I came up here with that map. I *wanted* to be caught. My orders were to be discovered with that map. But never *send* it. We left *that* 'strategy' for you."

Gradually Diego grasped the meaning of her words.

"You mean — that carrier pigeon — they know we were the ones who sent it?"

"Yes!"

Diego called for the guard and rushed from the cell, Nina's taunting laugh followed him.

The next moment she realized he might have rushed to his death. He was running toward the bridge. When he reached it, a shell struck. As Nina watched, horrified, he pitched to the ground. She screamed, calling his name again and again.

The battle was soon over. Thanks to Nina's bravery, the French had been fooled into changing their strong position for a much weaker one. It was the Marquis himself who finally found Nina in her cell, safe but stony-eyed. Amid great cheers, she was led from the jail.

The courtyard had been turned into a first-aid station. Nina looked around desperately. Her eyes went swiftly from man to man. He was gone...no...in a corner she saw Diego lying on a bed of straw, heavily bandaged about the arm, chest and shoulders. She rushed to him.

His eyes were closed, his face turned from her. She took his hand, murmuring softly, almost in a whisper:

"I'm here, Diego, I'm here."

Diego's eyes opened. For a brief moment, he stared; then his face lighted up. "Giannini," he whispered. "Don't leave me . . . don't go."

"I won't. I won't . . . ever," Nina said, kneeling to kiss him.

THE END.

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JAPANESE VICTORY IN MUKDEN BATTLE

By W.G.G.

"Towns without people, ten times took,
And ten times left, and burned at last.
And starving dogs that came to look,
For owners when the column passed."

Thursday was the great festival of the Japanese Army. Since 1905 this day has been observed as "Army Commemoration Day," with great religious and military rites, as a thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Mukden.

When the Japanese army entered that city, in 1905, the Russo-Japanese war ended. To-day, in countless shrines and temples, soldiers in full military dress will render thanks to Kojin Sama, the God of War, and the ancestral spirits. The High Command will attend Yasakuni Shrine, at Toranomon, Tokyo.

Sir Ian Hamilton has said that the Battle of Mukden (the World War notwithstanding) was "the bloodiest struggle in history." Certainly there have been battles where more combatants took the field, but for demoniacal fighting and carnage history can record no equal.

Russians' Retreat

The words of Admiral Togo to the fleet that stormed Port Arthur in 1904 became the battle-cry of the great host that was landed on the mainland of Asia and explains the ferocity of the fighting. Those words were:

"The enemy is ahead. Advance and slaughter him. If you should die, then a ready welcome awaits you among your ancestors."

Fired with this assurance of glory, whether winning or losing, the Japanese advanced into Manchuria. They swept in triumph everywhere. The advanced host of the Russians retreated, leaving half-empty towns for the Japanese to infest. They were falling back on Mukden.

From February 19 to March 10 a series of battles took place on a great curve, 100 miles in extent, the centre passing in front of the town of Mukden. It is stated that at times half a million men were engaged and at no time were there less than a quarter of a million in the field.

The Japanese sought to hasten the issue as they had constant supplies of new troops coming up. The Russians, on the other hand, so far from their base and connected with it by a single line of rail, endeavoured to delay the decisive struggle until a large reinforcing army arrived. This would not arrive for at least three weeks. Meanwhile Kuropatkin fought with strategy and cunning.

False Confidence

Till March 9, the vantage was on the side of the Russians. So confident were they that, relying on the arrival of the Baltic Fleet, they had actually named the day when they would march in triumph through Tokyo. Time after time the Japanese armies smashed themselves against the Russian wall, which proved adamant. It refused to yield.

At the northern end of the curve the Japanese under Kuroki followed attack by attack, the advancing army marching over the bodies of those slaughtered in the preceding battle. But never an inch was given without great losses. In the extreme south the Japanese General Nodzu tried encircling tactics, but he was no more successful. Eventually he retreated to the river Sha-ho, and there was temporary quiet in the south.

The centre, where the main army was held in reserve under Oyama, leader of the campaign, and his brilliant Chief of Staff, Kodama, was watched day and night by Russian scouts, for Kuropatkin expected the greatest attempt to be made there. He had assembled his Cossack cavalry ready to meet this advance.

That it was not made bewildered him, although it fitted in well with the strategy he himself was relying on—the arrival of the fresh Russian army.

"Heaven's Vengeance"

On the afternoon of March 9, the unexpected happened. A strong wind sprang up from the south, and a blinding dust storm enveloped Manchuria. A British war correspondent in Mukden declared that the dust was so thick that it darkened all the land, and from the window of his hotel a wall 18 feet away was not visible. The Chinese residents of the city became panic-stricken, and cried out: "Surely Heaven is on the side of the Japanese."

Into the city poured the affrighted country people, who saw in the storm a vengeance from Heaven. Along the old stone streets rumbled all that afternoon and evening farm carts of every description, drawn by horses, mules, and cows.

Men walked one after the other with poles on their shoulders from which were suspended all their worldly belongings. Women with children in their arms sought refuge in corners and wherever a silent spot invited. Children roamed about the streets hungry and uncared for, confusion and an unnamed dread rested on all, intensified by the strange and ominous darkness.

That evening the gates of Mukden were not shut, lest some straggler should spend the night in the outer darkness in which anything could happen. And within the walls the entire population was hypnotised with terror.

Leader Outwitted

During the night the wind increased to gale force and moaned across the Manchurian plains. It was as the groaning of the spirits of the slaughtered.

"A sound
As of the trailing skirts of Destiny;
Passing unseen to some immitigable end
With her grey henchman—Death."

At midnight under the protection of that gale of dust, the Japanese crossed the Sha-ho and the main army moved from the centre to join the forces of Nodzu in the South. Here the attack was prepared. Kuropatkin, who expected it from the centre and had his armies drawn up in readiness, was to be outwitted.

At daybreak the Japanese advanced and then began that "bloodiest struggle in history." Like demons who saw in the skies the beckoning faces of their ancestors the Japanese fought, hacked their way through masses of flesh and blood.

The Cossacks on their horses dashed as "piercing knives of hell" in and out of the Japanese ranks. It was carnage described later by the brilliant Japanese Chief of Staff, General Kodama, as "an awful slaughter that soaked the ground with blood."

At least 250,000 men were fighting hand to hand. Even Tamerlane, who built in Asia his pyramid of 70,000 human skulls, might well have shuddered at this landscape splashed with blood.

But it did not last long. The Russians, so far from their supplies, were short of munitions. One course alone was possible. Kuropatkin took it. On the evening of March 10 began the retirement.

SLAUGHTER THAT KNOWS NO EQUAL

Probably the greatest victory in the whole of that war was the mastered agony of that munitionless retreat of the Russian forces, who two days before were confident of victory. But "the stars in their courses had fought against Sisera."

The Japanese, following Oyama, entered Mukden. The Russo-Japanese War was over.

Statistics of the slaughter vary, but it would seem that those nearest to the real estimate are: Japanese, 47,152 killed, 11,424 died of wounds, 21,802 died of disease. The last figures are significant as indicating the effect of rotting bodies outside Mukden. These figures were compiled by the Statistical Bureau of the Japanese Army. The Russian estimate of their losses at the Battle of Mukden was 45,700 killed and 110,000 died of wounds and disease.

This is the victory and the triumphal entry into Mukden that Japan will celebrate to-day.

For following weeks the plain before Mukden became one great funeral pyre, where the bodies of the fallen Japanese were burned, while throughout Japan there was the unending roll of funeral drums as the countless rickshaws followed the ashes of the brave to their resting places.

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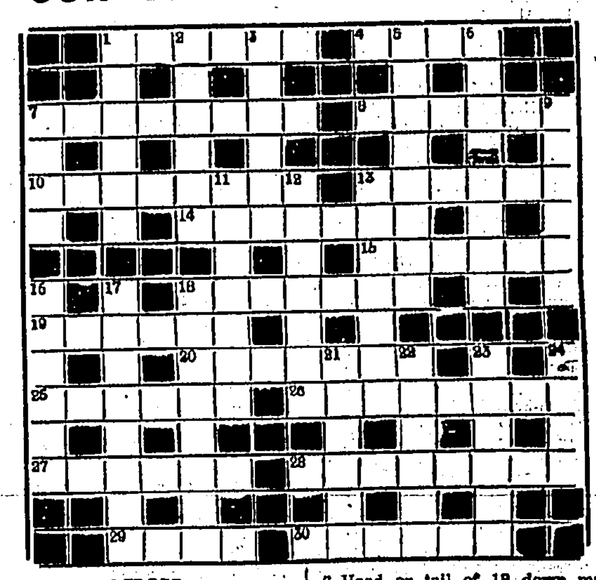

ACROSS

1 Has this animal only one arm? (6).
4 One might make a hash of him (4).
7 Is in military array, this ideal place—but the soldier will not agree! (8).
8 It might be sunlit (6).
10 The pith of this roll is in the middle (8).
13 French town (6).
14 This Spaniard has his head concealed (7).
15 Where there's fired material and mineral it is solid underfoot (6).
18 Following with an end that should fit well (7).
19 It's a wonderful thing to ruin half a good material (6).
20 This makes things dull (7).
25 Consume (6).
26 This may flank the entrance to the field (8).
27 It is seen to terminate an extant feature, but springs from a legend earlier (6).
28 Complicated, and has a tricky finish (8).
29 Fruit (4).
30 Contains a common vehicle, but is by no means common (6).

DOWN

1 A light deception (6).
2 An edible root (6).
3 Used to change, but very much put out (6).
5 The greater part of it is last, but so is all of it (8).
6 There's some use in this species of burglar alarm (two words—5, 3).
7 Head or tail of 18 down may be drunk (4).
9 Given a trial (6).
11 Existing only in name (7).
12 I do wrong in rowdy behaviour, but it is not depressing (7).
13 Not in favour, but there's profit in it (7).
16 Useful device to cover that doubtful spelling (6).
17 This is supplied with a Latin poet included (8).
18 Bad tempered (8).
21 The kind of metre given to us by William Bickerstaffe (6).
22 Is this fellow inclined to bully? (6).
23 Capacity for a book (6).
24 This makes a nod better than a wink (4).

Saturday's Solution.

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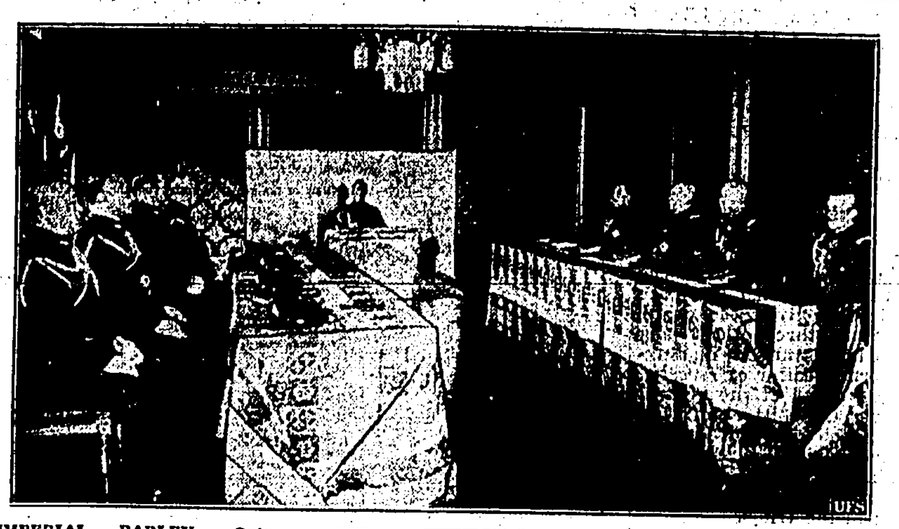

IMPERIAL PARLEY — Only three times in the history of Japan has the Imperial Council met with Emperor Hirohito to discuss grave problems. Here is the recent Tokyo meeting, with Hirohito at head of the council table. The council presumably agreed to carry on the Chinese war, recognising pro-Japanese administrations only.

PROTECTION — Italian police already are making vast preparations to insure safety of Chancellor Hitler of Germany, when he arrives in Italy about May 1 to return Premier Mussolini's recent visit to Germany. Above is Arturo Bocchini, supreme head of the Italian police.

SOVIET EMBASSY BURNS—Fire of undetermined cause consuming the Soviet Embassy in Nanking, China, on New Year's Day. On Jan. 24 a similar fire razed the Soviet Embassy at Hankow, temporary Chinese capital, after an explosion. Officials stated they did not believe either fire was of incendiary origin.

SHAKE AT LAST — After Jim Braddock, right, won the boxing decision in New York over Tommy Farr, Welsh fighter, Farr refused to shake hands. But above, Farr feels better, as they meet in Promoter Jacobs' office, New York.

WRESTLER BOUND FOR HOLLYWOOD — Ranee of Sarawak, right, wife of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, ruler of the sultanate of Sarawak in Northern Borneo, who hurried to a New York pier to greet her daughter, Valerie, known as Princess Baba, and her new son-in-law, Bob Gregory, British wrestler. The Ranee asserted that reports of her opposition to the recent marriage were "newspaper bilge." The Gregorys were en route to Hollywood where he hoped to begin a film career.

ANTI-AIR RAID—Members of the Swiss Women's Anti-Air Raid brigade, equipped with gas masks, helmets and voluminous uniforms, emerge from one of the "safety holes" leading to an underground "mansion," in Zurich. Elaborate preparations to protect its citizens from air raids are being made by the government. The gas and bomb proof mansions hold 200 persons.

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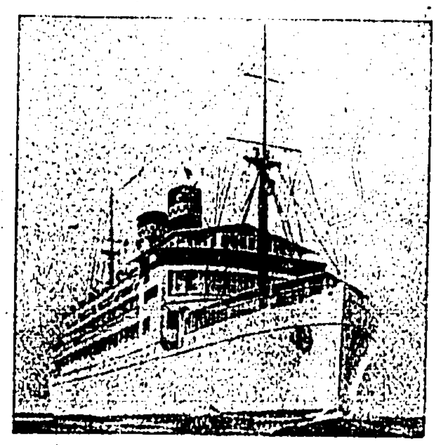

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JAPANESE INVADERS NEAR SIAN

League's Medical Mission Prepares For Evacuation

Szechuan Men To March

Hankow, Mar. 14.

It is reported that the League of Nations medical experts, sent to China to assist in crushing epidemics, are prepared to evacuate Sian. Railway authorities said that Japanese artillery had been placed on the 300 feet Loess Heights at Fenglingtu, had fired over the Yellow River and demolished the station and railway sheds.

Traffic on the line had been previously suspended, and passengers alighted a mile east of Tungkwan, boarded trucks and entrained for west Tungkwan, which, the authorities state, is at present open to Sian.

Engineers, who received $30 for each trip, ran the gauntlet of Japanese fire. All lights were extinguished and the coal-box door shut, while the train rushed through at full steam at night time, carrying ammunition and gasoline. The trip was successfully accomplished.

The Lunghai railway stations are daily bombed and Chengchow is receiving daily alarms. The telegraph workers at Tungkwan have evacuated.

The populace was doubly pleased with the Chengtu and Szechuan army commanders, responding to the Chungking Chamber of Commerce's representation urging that Szechuen troops should move northward against the enemy, stated that preparations had been perfected for such a move as soon as specific instructions from general headquarters had been received.

The local press welcomes the report from Hankow that the central authorities have warned the provinces and municipalities to prepare execution of a general mobilisation mandate.—*United Press.*

Unexpected Resistance May Mean Exhaustion

Hankow, Mar. 14.

The undeclared Sino-Japanese war has entered its ninth month with fighting raging on six fronts—Shanxi, Pinghan, north Tsinpu, south Tsinpu, Wuhu and Chekiang.

Reviewing the result of the military adventure of Japan in China during the past eight months, the Army organ, *Shun Pao*, in a special article says that the invaders have mobilised one and a half million men, and spent fifty per cent. of their peace-time arms and ammunition; 600,000 men have been sent to the front, and a terrific toll of 200,000 casualties has been suffered.

Japan, in paying this tremendous price, has not gained a decisive and quick victory as she had expected, the journal says.

What is more, Japan's finances have become chaotic and Japan has found it necessary to gamble her national economic resources and to draft the Mobilisation Law.

While admitting that Japan has occupied a large piece of Chinese territory and has accomplished a greater part of her continental policy, the paper asserts that the nominal Japanese domination of the four North-eastern Provinces does not necessarily mean that Japan has added much to her national wealth.

Japan, the journal explains, cannot utilise the mineral riches of Chahar and Shansi as long as Chinese guerillas are active.

So long as the Japanese military operations are not brought to a conclusion, these mobile units will continue to exist to harass the Japanese in every way.

The *Shun Pao* believes that the conquest craze of the Japanese militarists will make for rash, desperate attempts and will launch another large scale onslaught against China.

Before plunging herself into this, Japan may again resort to diplomatic and political manoeuvres as a camouflage, the paper predicts.

Meanwhile, 500,000 Japanese forces in Manchuria will be gradually transferred to China.

The *Shun Pao* in conclusion adds a note of warning. If Japan fails in her final efforts to bring China to her knees, Manchuria would be exposed to the military threat of Soviet Russia and Japan would be facing Marshal Blucher's 1,000,000 Soviet troops of East Asia.—*Central News.*

18 TO DIE BRANDED TRAITORS

Moscow Treason Trial Ended

Moscow, Mar. 13.

During the final scenes of the treason trial in which 18 of the accused were given the death sentence and three others long terms of imprisonment, M. Bukharin, former editor of *Izvestia*, the official organ of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R., and the all-Russian Executive Committee, delivered a 90 minutes speech which was one of the most brilliant self-defences in the trials.

M. Bukharin, although he admitted full responsibility for crimes, for which "I deserve shooting ten times," was the only one of the defendants to protest against the trial procedure. M. Bukharin accused M. Vishinsky, the Public Prosecutor, of introducing allegations not mentioned in the preliminary investigations.

He then delivered a stirring appeal to the western intellectuals not to misunderstand Soviet conditions, declaring that he had already confessed, and he expected adequate justice from the Soviet court.

M. Yagoda, former head of the Ogpu, also reiterated his confession, but pleaded that his life be spared.

In a final appeal before the judges, M. Rakovsky, former Soviet Ambassador to London said his only regret was that Trotsky was not there to share in the responsibility for his "heinous crimes."

TROTSKY CURSED

Other defendants in their final speeches cursed Trotsky and Bukharin, and asked that Bukharin should be given the severest penalty. They all said they confessed because they wanted to help the Soviet Government to get rid of its enemies, and also they wanted it to serve as a warning to their friends and followers, not under arrest, to cease the struggle against the State.

Among the 18 men sentenced to death were M. Yagoda, former chief of the Ogpu and former Commissar for Internal Affairs, M. Bukharin, former editor of *Izvestia*, M. Grinko, Commissar for Finance, M. Krestinsky, assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Rosengoltz, Commissar for Foreign Trade, M. Rykov, successor to Lenin as Premier of the U.S.S.R., and one of the leaders in 1929 and 1930 in developing a "Right opposition", which led to his expulsion from the political bureau, M. Chernov, Commissar for Agriculture, M. Ikramov, Secretary of the Communist Party, M. Grutshov, Secretary to M. Maxim Gorky, M. Shanghovich, President of the White Russian Republic, M. Menzhiesky, successor to M. Yagoda as head of the secret police, M. Kuibeshov, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Dr. Levin, head of the Kremlin Hospital, Dr. Kasakov, Director of the Institute for Facial Metabolism, and Dr. Maximov, one of the Kremlin physicians.—*Reuter Special.*

Destroyers Return

H.M.S. Diamond, Defender, Decoy and Dainty arrived in harbour this morning from Manila where they went after the Singapore manoeuvres. H.M.S. Duncan is with the aircraft carrier Eagle, still in the south, and H.M.S. Delight, is expected here this afternoon.

H.M.S. Birmingham, the new cruiser to join the China Station, will not arrive as early as was originally expected since she will spend some days from Singapore to Hongkong in exercises and will probably not arrive till the middle of April.

CASUALTIES OF JAPANESE AIR FORCE

Hankow, Mar. 14.

A total of 849 members of Japanese Air Force have been either killed or wounded during air fights with the Chinese since the beginning of hostilities last August, according to figures released here to-day.

On these 427 were killed. In addition to these casualties, over twenty Japanese air fighters are held captive by the Chinese.

For the total killed, 382 met their death in south China and 45 in north China; and of the total wounded, 337 received their injuries in south China and 85 in north China.—*Central News.*

STOP PRESS NEWS

Veteran H.K. Educationist Passes Away

Mr. W. Drew Braidwood Dies In Jersey

Word has been received in Hongkong that Mr. W. Drew Braidwood, former headmaster of the Victoria English School, has died in the Channel Islands at the age of 81.

The school was originally opened by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hanlon, about 60 years ago, but was eventually taken over by Mr. Braidwood who was headmaster until it closed in 1903.

Only last year, on March 12, old boys of the school held a re-union, the occasion being Mr. Braidwood's eightieth birthday. The arrangements were undertaken by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee. At that time a handsome silver tray, in a mirrored, silk-covered box was sent to Mr. Braidwood, bearing the initials of his "old boys."

Mr. Braidwood died in Jersey, February 25.

SEAMEN KEEPERS OF GAMING HOUSE

Two seamen, Chan Man-fuk, 30, and Ying Ah-po, 46, were fined $22 each by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning when they were convicted of keeping a common gaming house.

Twenty-two gamblers were fined $2 each while eight absentees had their $3 bail estreated. Det.-Sergt. R. MacVey prosecuted.

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SEAMAN FIGHTS DETECTIVE

"I remember nothing about it," said Kjell Hung, 31, Norwegian, second officer of the steamer Woolgar, when he was charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning with being drunk and disorderly in Hennessy Road early on Sunday morning, and with assaulting Detective Sergeant J. Bently.

Sergt. Bently said that about 2.30 a.m. he was on patrol in Hennessy Road when he saw Hung chasing two Chinese. He went up to him and asked him what the matter was, saying he was a police officer. Hung then butted him in the face with his head and scratched him, and it was not until after 10 minutes that he was able to place him under custody. His wrist watch glass had been broken.

Hung was fined $10 on the first count and $25 on the second, and was ordered to pay $2 amends to Sergt. Bently for the damaged watch.

FINISH COURSE IN A.R.P. WORK

One hundred and twenty Hongkong men and women have just successfully completed the Air Raid Precautions course at St. John Ambulance Brigade headquarters.

Examinations were completed on Thursday last week.

Twenty Chinese girls underwent the full course, which included experience in a chamber filled with tear gas, use of respirators, decontamination, treatment of mustard gas cases, etc.

Those of the 120 who passed the examination will become competent A.R.P. volunteers, eligible to assist in the event of an air raid on the Colony.

New Chinese courses have already commenced at St. John Ambulance Brigade, and a course for Europeans, conducted by Mr. R. Dunlop, is to start shortly.

Mr. Dunlop is a Grade I A.R.P. Instructor, and was trained at the Home Office Gas Training School at Falfield.

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